THE WEATHER

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RUSSIANS HOLD GROUND GUN PRACTICE IN WEST

Battles Along Both Fronts Continue to Rage Unabated, But Recent Attacks by Airmen Attract the Attenion From Operaions on the Earth—French Advance in the Argonne and Also in Alsace District.

RUSSIAN EMPEROR HAS JOINED GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS AT HIS HEADQUARTERS IN POLAND

German Attacks Along Poland Rivers Being Made Almost Exclusively With the Artillery—Russians Have Again Gotten the Upper Hand in Battle With Austrians in South Poland and in Galacia as Well.

London, December 27. — The airmen of the belligerent countries spent a busy Christmas holiday. While a solitary German flew over the Thames Estuary and dropped a single bomb, which fell in a roadway and did no damage, a convoy of seven British naval Zeppelins visited the German naval base at Cuxhaven and dropped bombs on ships and the gas works.

All but one of the British airmen returned safely to the ships which convoyed them.

Similar activity was displayed along the battle front, German airmen paying a surprise visit to Nancy; French aviators to Metz; British to Brussels, and other Belgian towns occupied by the Germans, and German airmen to Polish cities.

As usual, accounts of the damage done differ. While bombs were dropped during these flights, most of the flights were for reconnoitering.

Except in the Argonne and Alsace, where the French have made some progress, and outside of artillery practice, the battles in the West for the last two days largely consisted of German attacks, to counter those of the Allies and to prevent the Allies from organizing the ground they had gained.

In Poland, where the Russian Emperor has joined Grand Duke Nicholas at Russian headquarters, the German attacks on the Bzura and Rawka rivers are being made almost exclusively with artillery, while an offensive in force has been assumed further South along the river Pilica, where hard fighting continues and both sides claim to have inflicted heavy losses.

The Russians apparently have again gained ascendancy over the Austrians in South Poland and Galacia. The Austrians admit the loss of the towns of Jaslo and Krosno, on the South Galician railway, which their army from across the Carpathians recaptured a week or more ago. The Russian report tonight is the record of a series of victories from middle Poland to the foot hills of the Carpathians. It records the capture of 13,500 prisoners and a number of guns, and unless some prisoners have been counted more than once, the Russians, according to their own accounts, have taken 30,000 Austrians prisoners since they resumed the offensive.

WILL AID THE TENNESSEE.

Italian Cruiser Ordered to Join American Craft in Keeping Peace.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The Italian cruiser Calabria, now at Beirut, Syria, has been instructed to assist the American cruiser North Carolina if necessity arises as the result of further demonstrations against departure of Europeans from Turkish territory. The cruiser Tennessee, the fuel ship Vulcan and the gunboat Scorpion, of the American navy, which also are looking after American interests in the Eastern Mediterranean, are ready to steam to any place where they are needed, according to reports received here.

According to a dispatch from Athens the North Carolina recently threatened to use her guns as the result of an incident at Tripoli, Syria. The cruiser, convoying the American steamer Virginia, entered Tripoli harbor and the commander requested the Turkish authorities to permit the British and French consuls to repart with their nationals resident in the city.

The request was refused but several French residents boarded the Virginia. They were attacked by a mob who wounded the captain and first officer. The North Carolina threatened to fire and the mob fled. The Virginia and the North Carolina left for Dedeagatch. Later the cruiser proceeded to Smyrna.

Reports Not Received.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Daniels said tonight the Navy Department had not yet received replies to the inquiries addressed to Captains Inman and Decker of the cruisers North Carolina and Tennessee, respectively, concerning the alleged threats to bombard Tripoli, Syria. He thought the delay in receiving reports was due to the imperfect cable communication.

RUSSIAN STATEMENT OF WAR

Battle Along Rivers in Poland Confined to Artillery by Germans

Petrograd, Dec. 27—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters today:

"During December 26th the fighting along the lines of the Bzura and Rawka rivers was confined in general to artillery fire. We have repulsed with success various attacks by the Germans.

"Along the lofer course of the Nida river, towards evening of December 26th, we ousted from the village of Wislica, the Austrians who had obstinately defended it and who attempted to fortify themselves on the left bank of the Nida. We then drove the Austrians beyond that river.

"South of the Vistula, in the region of Tarnow (Galicia) on December 25th we drove back the Austrians from the Tuchow-Olpiny line. The enemy abandoned ten rapid firers and we took 43 officers and more than 2,500 soldiers prisoners. The next day we continued the pursuit of the Austrians who retreated in disorder. We captured eight more machine guns and about 1,000 prisoners. We occupied the heights near Siedlika on the left bank of the Biala river.

"In the direction of Dukla (Carpathians) there were engagements on December 25th and 26th and the Austrians driven from the Zmigrod Dukla line, are in full retreat. In the latest encounters in this region the Austrians suffered enormous losses and left in our hands as prisoners more than 10,000 men.

NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

Official German Statement Given Out as to Conditions on Fronts

Berlin, Dec, 27—By wireless to London —An official communication issued today stated that there were no important developments yesterday in Flanders, that the German troops made a successful counter attack at Albert and that French attacks on other portions of the line were repelled.

The statement announced that during the early hours of the night the French took possession of an important height east of Thann but were thrown back after a vigorous counter-attack. In Polaid according to the statement slight progress was made by the Germans in their attacks on the branches of the Bzura and Rawka rivers, while Southeast of Tomaszow a German offensive was continued successful and Russian attacks on Inowlods were repulsed with heavy losses to them.

BERLIN PRESS REPORT.

Germans Are Advancing, But Austrians Facing Hard Proposition.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(By wireless)—Among items given out today by the official press bureau are the following:

"While the Germans are reported to be advancing on the Bzura and along the Pilica rivers, the Austrians appear to be having a hard struggle to

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MEXICAN FACTIONS ACCEPT PROPOSAL

Of General Scott a[illegible]lan to Settle Tro[illegible]

ON MEXICA[illegible]BORDER

All Fighting at Naco Will Cease, Besiegers Retire, Hill Free to Leave Town—Naco to Become Neutral Territory

Washington, Dec. 27—Secretary Bryan received word unofficially tonight that all Mexican factions had agreed to the plan proposed by General Scott, United States chief of staff, to prevent further firing into American territory along the border.

Enrique C. Llorente, Washington agent of the Gutierrez government of which General Maytorena at Naco is a supporter, was advised that the latter had accepted General Scott's plan. It provides that General Hill of the Carranza forces abandon Naco and be permitted to go unmolested to Augu Prieta already held by a portion of his troops General Maytorena, who has withdrawn his forces would agree not to occupy Naco, which would become neutral.

As Maytorena already holds Nogales, port of entry, he is said to believe the arrangement fas neither to his advantage or detriment. From Hill's view point the continued possession of Naco was said to me of little value because the Maytorena forces besieging it prevented further transportation of supplies Southward. Fighting at Agua Prieta or at Nogales would not be close enough to the American towns t produce the same situation as had existed for several months at Naco, where stray bullets constantly fell on American soil

The State Department had no advices today from Mexico City but M. Llorente said Villa had wired him that harmony prevailed between Gutierrez and all his chiefs. Llorente thought the statement issued by Gutierrez's secretary last night charging Villa with disobedience was due to a misunderstanding which could have had no serious results.

CARRANZA STILL FIGHTING

One of His Ministers Says Mexico Will Be Theirs in Two Months

New York, Dec. 27.—The Mexican Bureau of Information tonight announced the receipt of this telegram from Dr. Atl of the Carranza ministry of communications in Vera Cruz:

"Have just reviewed our line of defense from Orizaba to Apizacco, consisting of more than 30,000 well equipped troops. There is great enthusiasm and loyalty among the soldiers and the people. The Constitutionalist chiefs have agreed to advance slowly in order to establish political and social reforms. Mexico City will be ours in less than two months.

"Many reports of victories claimed by Villistas are without foundation. Puebla and Guadalajara were evacuated for the purpose of isolating the enemy. The organization of the revolutionary confereracy now is definitely established. The Mexican people are with the Constitutionalists".

SCOTT KEEPS BUSY.

Cannot Definitely Guarantee Safety of Border Towns Quite Yet.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 27.—Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, arranged today for safe conduct through the lines of Gen. Benjamin Hill, defending Naco, to the new camp of Governor Maytorena, ten miles to the south. Hill's troops command the roads leading to the camp of the former besiegers of Naco.

The danger of Mexican bullets has been removed by Maytorena's voluntary withdrawal, but permanent arrangements for safety of border towns will not be made, it is understood, until General Scott receives from Washington a definite reply to his suggestion for a neutral strip along the international line.

ITURBIDE ORDERED TAKEN

Villa Wants Former Governor of Mexico City Arrested at Border

Mexico City, Dec. 24 via El Paso, December 27—(Delayed) General Villa tonight telegraphed officials at Chihuahua to remove Eduardo Iturbide from a northbound train and return him a prisoner to Mexico City.

Iturbide acted as governor of the Federal district for a short time after the Carranza forces evacuated. Upon the entrance of Zapata, he went into hiding. It was said he was concealed in a foreign legation until two days ago when he was smuggled into a sleeping car car and started for El Paso. When this became known, Villa is said to have declared:

"A foreigner, an American named Leon Conova, who claims to be a representative of Secretary Bryan, smuggled Iturbide into a car and attempted to get him across the American border. Conova had no right to do this and has meddled unwarrantedly in Mexican affairs. Iturbide must be brought back to Mexico City and stand trial for the offense with which he is charged".

Zapata officials claim to have evidence that Iturbide forced employees of his plantation to join Huerta's army during the recent revolution and have asked for his execution as a traitor.

Villa and Gutierres in a conference by wire today with Zapata, who was at Guernavaca, decided to dismiss all former Federal officers from the present armies.

A dispatch from Mexico City under date of December 26th said that Gutierrez, as a result of the order to arrest Iturbide had issued a circular ordering all generals to cease summary executions for whatever offense. In an in-

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NEUTRALS URGED TO HOLD MEETING

Venezuela Suggests Conference at Washington Soon.

TO SUPPLEMENT RULES

International Laws Refering to the Rights of Neutrals are Not Sufficient to Protect During Present Terrible Struggle

Washington, Dec. 27—Venezuela has formally proposed to all the neutral governments of Europe, Asia and the two Americans that a conference be held in Washington to revise or supplement the rules of international law respecting the rights of neutrals.

The plan provides that the governing board of the Pan-American Union, consisting of the diplomatic representatives of all the American Republics draft a programme for the conference and that the rules finally agreed upon by it should be submitted later to the belligerents.

The proposal would seek not only to define the rights of neutrals in such questions as the presence of belligerent ships in close proximity to neutral shores but would embrace the entire field of contraband, seizures and detentions, with the idea of reaching a uniform understanding to protect neutral commerce.

In view of the partial repudiation of the declaration of London of 1909 by the allied powers, and the announcement of the United States that it could not accept it because it had not been radified by all the nations concerned, but would be guided by previous rulings in international law, neutral nations have been forced practically to make controversy and confusion.

Dr. Dominici, the Venezuelan minister of the United States, who transmitted his government's proposal to the various neutrals through their diplomatic representatives here said tonight he had found sentiment generally favorable to the plan.

In his opinion the various governments could empower the diplomatic representatives in Washington to act for them. He said, however, none of the powers addressed had formally replied.

DAUGHTER OF [illegible] IS TO WED NEWSPAPER MAN

Editor of New Orleans Daily Wins Hand of Missouri Girl

Washington, Dec. 27—Speaker Champ Clark and Mrs. Clark tonight announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Genevieve, to James M. Thomson, editor of the New Orleans item. The wedding will take place in the spring or early summer at the Clark home in Bowling Fren, Mo.,

Miss Clark met Mr. Thomson in Baltimore during the 1912 Democratic convention, in which he was one of the leaders of the fight to nominate the Speaker for President. Since leaving school about two years ago Miss Clark has been a leader among the younger members of official society.

War News at a Glance

Comparative quiet prevails in the western theatre of war. In Flanders the cannonading has been intermittent but in the Argonne region and Alsace there have been attacks and counter attacks with no material progress on either side.

French aviators, in the way of a reply to the dropping of bombs on Nancy by the Germans flew over the aviator hangars of Frescar, one of the railroad stations of Metz, throwing down bombs in their flight.

Notwithstanding the fact that a recent official statement announced that the Germans had ceased their attacks on the Bzura river, in Russian Poland, latest advices from Berlin indicate that they still are advancing in that region. Petrograd asserts, however, that along the Bzura and Rawka rivers the fighting of late has been confined to artillery.

The Austrians in Galicia, the Russian general staff asserts, have been driven back in the neighborhood of Tarnow, where many prisoners were taken. The Austrians are reported to have retreated in disorder. They are also said to have been forced back from the line running from Zmigrod to Dukla, in the Carpathians, with enormous losses, including 10,000 prisoners.

The British raid on the German coast with Zeppelins apparently netted small results. Four of the seven Zeppelins were lost and one British officer is thought to have been drowned. The attack brought about a unique engagement in which submarines, cruisers, Zeplanes, destroyers, aeroplanes and Zeppelins took part.

With the return to Paris January 7th of the ministry of war from Bordeaux all branches of the French government again will have their headquarters in Paris.

Italy has ordered the cruiser Calabria, at Beirut, Syria, to render any necessary aid to the American cruiser North Carolina, should there be further demonstrations against the departure of Europeans from Turkish territory.

Russia has officially denied the report that she has ceded half of the island af Sakhalin to Japan.

Emperor Nicholas again is with the Russian army at the front.

A regiment of Italian sharp shooters are on their way to Aviona, Albania, to relieve the sailors landed last week to put down disorder. None of the powers hos protested against Italy's occupation of Aviona.

Turkey is said to be reinforcing her troops defending the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus with soldiers and artillery from the Adrianople garrison.

QUIET RESTORED IN PHILIPPINES

Detailed Account Sent To Washington by Harrison

INCIDENT IS MINIMIZED

Uprising Was Among the Most Ignorant and Lowest Class of Natives. Results from Graft Scheme, Under Revolution Head.

Washington, Dec. 27. — Details of the native uprisings in the Philippines last week were given in a cablegram received by the War Department tonight from Governor General Harrison. The report minimized the incident. Filipinos assembled in Manila and Navotas Christmas Eve, it stated, and at Laguna de Bay last night, and attempted to make trouble. Forty men were arrested and one shot by a policeman.

Gbvernor Harrison reported that the disorders had been suppressed, that everything was quiet and efforts were being made to arrest the leadtrs, the chief of whom, he said, was believed to be a man under sentence of imprisonment for homicide. He added that nobody of any influence or standing was concerned, and described the movement as "small and unsuccessful." It was connected, he said, with the campaign of Ricarte, who has conducted a revolutionary propaganda from Hong Kong for several years, "appealing to the most ignorant classes of Filipinos."

With Governor Harrison's dispatch to the department tonight the authorities gave out a message sent him December 12, telling him of newspaper reports of threatened Filipino revolt.

To this, on December 22nd, Governor Harrison replied:

"No foundation whatever known here for reports."

The report received from Governor Harrison today was in response to a later inquiry as to the truth of newspaper stories that military preparations were being made to deal with a revolutionary plot; that riot guns had been distributed to American civilians on Carabao and Fraile islands and in Manila, and that two native scout officers had been arrested at Corregidor island. The Governor General's dispatch, dated this morning, follows:

Harrison's Report.

"Referring to telegrams from your office of 24th instant, army headquarters state there is absolutely no truth in the report about Corregidor, Carabao and Fraile alleged occurrences.

"On Christmas Eve there was a small and unsuccessful movement in Manila connected with the Ricarte campaign. Ricarte has for several years conducted from Hong Kong revolutionary propaganda appealing to the most ignorant classes of Filipinos and selling through his agents in the islands commissions in his so-called army for sums from a peseta to 10 pesos—10 cents to $5. During the last three months five of the Ricarte leaders have been arrested and sentenced to four to six years, including Ricarte's right hand man. Ithas been regarded as a grafting scheme under a revolutionary guise, but from time to time arouses excitement among uneducated classes.

"Christmas Eve about 75 men, extremely ignorant, without fire arms, met at the botanical garden in Manila and were dispersed by the municipal police without disorder, except that three shots were fired into the air by the police, and 20 men arrested. Eight of the latter were held upon the charge of carrying concealed weapons—knives and bolos. Nobody was injured, except one man, who was shot by a policeman, later in the night, in another part of the city, when he attacked the policeman with a bolo.

"Movements similar in character occurred at Novotas, ten miles from Manila, where about 40 men assembled and endeavored unsuccessfully to loot the municipal saife, taking the provincial governor prisoner, who afterwards escaped uninjured. Twenty of this party were captured by constabulary or municipal police.

Slight Trouble Later.

"Ten men with two fire arms, in Laguna de Bay, attempted to make trouble last night, with no results. Everything quiet, and vigorous attemtps will be made to secure leaders, chief of whom is believed to be a man under sentence of imprisonment for homicide, who has jumped his bail.

"Nobody of any standing or influence is concerned in this movement."

Assistant Secretary Breckinridge said Governor Harrison's report was complete and that no request would be made for information about the trouble.

Administration officials have refused to believe that the uprising was serious, but have watched the situation closely, because of its possible bearing on the Jones bill granting more independence to the natives, which has been passed by the House, and now is pending in the Senate. The Senate Philippine committee will continue its hearings on the measure Wednesday and Chairman Hitchcock said today the War Department would be asked for full information concerning the trouble.

Officials close to the White House said the incident would not affect President Wilson's advocacy of the bill.

Denver, Colo., Dec, 27—The gradual withdrawal of Federal troops from the Colorado coal fields, where they have been on strike duty since last April, will begin this week, according to Governor Ammons, who with Governor-elect Carlson returned today from a vouference with President Wilson at Washington.

BATTLE BETWEEN MOST MODERN WAR MACHINES

Recent Bold Attempt of British Navy to "Dig Out" the German Fleet Brought Into Battle the Latest Type of Battle Cruisers, Submarines, Zeplanes and Zeppelins—Little Damage Done to Either Side.

SEVEN BRITISH NAVAL AIRMEN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY GERMAN NAVAL BASE, CUXHAVEN

Six of the Birdmen Return to the Fleet, While One Lone Pilot is Lost—Attempt of German Aircraft to Drop Bombs Upon Vessels Meets With Poor Success, Because of Gunfire From the Enemy's Vessels.

London, Dec. 27. — Assisted by light cruisers, destroyers and submarines, seven British naval airmen, piloting Zeppelins, made a daring attack Christmas Day on the German naval base at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe. Six of the airmen returned safely, but the seventh, Commander Hewlett, it is feared, has been lost. His machine was found wrecked off Helgoland.

What damage was done by the bombs thrown by the attacking party could not be ascertained, but the German report of the affair says the raid was fruitless.

The enterprise of the British navy in thus attempting to "dig out" the German fleet, brought about a battle between the most modern of war machines. The British squadron, including the light cruisers Arethusa and Undaunted, which have been engaged in previous exploits on the German coast, were attacked by Zeppelins, Zeplanes and submarines.

By rapid maneuvering, the ships were able to avoid the submarines, while the Zeplains found the fire of the cruisers too dangerous for them to continue the fight. The German Zeplanes dropped bombs, which according to the British account, fell harmlessly into the sea. The Germans claimed to have hit two destroyers and their convoy, the latter being set afire.

The British ships remained in the vicinity for three hours without being attacked by any surface warships. The statement follows:

"On Friday, December 25th, the German warships lying off Schilling Roads, near Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval Zeppelins, piloted by flight commanders Oliver, Hewlett, Boss and Kilner, flight lieutenants Miley and Edwards, and sub-lieutenant Blackburn. The attack was delivered in daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Helgoland. The Zeppelins were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As these ships were seen by the Germans from Helgoland three or four hostile Zeppelins and several hostile submarines attacked them.

"It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighborhood to pick up the returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers and the enemy's air craft and submarines. By swift maneuvering the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Arethusa.

"The enemy's Zeplains succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel, and safely re-embarked three out of the seven airmen with their machines. Three other pilots returned later and were picked up by British submarines, which were standing by. Their machines were sunk.

"Six out of the seven pilots returned safely. Flight Commander Hewlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Helgoland, and the fate of the daring and skillful pilot is at present unknown.

"The extent of the damage by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated, but all were discharged at points of military significance."

Airman Attacks Brussels.

Another naval airman on Christmas eve, dropped 12 bombs on an airship shed at Brussels, but it was impossible definitely to ascertain the amount of damage done. Concerning this attack the statement says:

"On Thursday last Squadron Commander Richard B. Davies, of the naval air service, visited Brussels in a biplane for the purpose of dropping 12 bombs at an airship shed reported to contain a German Parseval. Eight of these bombs of which six are believed to have hit, were discharged at the first attack and the remaining four on the return flight. Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be diatinguished."

It was learned today that the German airman who visited England on Christmas day dropped a bomb near Rochester, only 28 miles east-southeast of St. Paul's, London, and seven miles from Gravesend. The bomb did no damage, as it fell in the roadway.

A statement issued Saturday by the German admiralty said eight British ships made a dash into a German bay and that hydro-aeroplanes convoyed by them dropped bombs on ships lying at anchor and also on a gas tank near Cuxhaven without doing any damage.

METZ BOMBARDED BY AIRMEN.

French Machines Fly Over Town Held by Germans—Because of Nancy.

Paris, Dec. 27.—French aviators have bombarded the aviation hangars, a railroad station and barracks at Metz in retaliation for the bomb attack on Nancy by a German Zeppelin, according to the official communication issued in Paris this afternoon. The communication also states that the Germans have reoccupied the city of Miawa in Russian Poland.

In Belgium and most of Northern France intermittent cannonading and slight gains are reported together with the repulse of German attacks at various points.

The report says in part:

"A dirigible dropped bombs on Nancy in the center of the city and without military reason. Our aviators in return bombarded aviation hangars, one of the railroad stations of Metz where movement of trains were noted and the barracks of St. Privat at Metz.

"In Russia the Germans who resumed their march upon Miawa have reoccupied that city. The situation in Polaid remains without notable change."

Tonight's statement says:

"After having all last night directed a very sharp artillery and infantry fire against our troops stationed at La-Boisselle and in the adjacent trenches,

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ELECTION PROBE IS NOT FINISHED

Grand Jury Will Go Further Into Terre Haute Matter.

OTHER CITIES IN LINE

Indianapolis and Other Indiana Cities Are to be Cleared of Corrupt Politicians is Intention of the Grand Jury.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—When the Federal grand jury reconvenes here January 4th, election conditions in Terre Haute, it is said, will again be taken up. When the jury recessed Wednesday, it returned a partial report in which more than 125 men, including Mayor Don M. Roberts and practically his entire official family, were indicted.

The real story of the alleged conspiracy to corrupt the election merely is hinted in the indictment, it is said.

Federal authorities have indicated that they will not divulge their plans until the trial is called. While Federal District Attorney Dailey, in personal charge of the investigation says immunity has been offered to none.

Mayor Roberts is candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1916, and has been the Democratic leader in Terre Haute only a short time, having risen rapidly in politics. He declares that political enemies have attacked him. In 1910 he was appointed city engineer of Terre Haute. He immediately organized the council against the mayor and was discharged. Later he was made Democratic county chairman and carried his slate through in the election of 1912. He became the Democratic candidate for mayor and was elected. During the voting rough tactics became so pronounced that appeals were made to Governor Ralston to take a hand in preserving order.

Several Times in Court.

A grand jury investigated the election and indicted Roberts and a number of his supporters. After a sensational trial during which all male spectators were searched for firearms, Roberts was acquitted.

The second day after he became mayor, Roberts and his board of safety were haled into court on a contempt charge over discharge of two patrolmen, but were acquitted. Within the last year he was fined for contempt by Federal Judge Anderson for violating a court order regarding sewer work.

The election of last November was declared by Terre Haute citizens to have been worse than on the year before and was the cause of the arrests beginning Christmas night.

When the grand jury completes investigation of Terre Haute conditions it will take up, according to Mr. Dailey, conditions in Indianapolis and Evansville which, in the last election, were said to have rivaled those in Terre Haute.

Mayor Donn M. Roberts of Terre-Haute indicted for alleged violation of election laws and placed in jail here last night in default of $10,000 bond, may make an effort to procure his release tomorrow. Mayor Roberts' wife today procured a blank bond from Federal Marshal Storen and said she expected to produce scatisfactory securities to gain her husband's delease.

Although only 92 of the 125 men who are said to have been indicted with Roberts have been arrested no more will be taken into custody at the present time, Marshal Storen said today. Some have left the county, he said, others are ill and one, Edward Holler, Terre Haute's superintendent of police, is serving a sentence for contempt of court. Those under arrest will be arraigned about January 15th according to Federal District Attorney Daley.

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tervief Gutierrez's, secretary said, "only yesterday an order of the president, concerning the safe conduct of Eduardo Iturbide was ignored by a commanding general who insisted upon the re-arrest of Iturbide and who severely criticised Leon Conova, a representative of the American State Department, who was accompanying Iturbide to the American border".

Conova, who has been in Mexico as a special agent of the State Department for several months, arrived at El Paso last night. He said so far as he knew Iturbide was still in Mexico City.

Urgent representations were made to Gutierrez in behalf of Iturbide by Secretary Bryan and it had been supposed at Washington that he would be permitted to leave Mexico unmolested.

SUFFERED INDIGNATIES

Representative of State Department in Mexico Is Accused

El Pasco, Texas, Dec, 26.—Mexican secret service men trailed Leon Conova, representative of the American State Department on a northbound train from the Mexican capital, it was asserted from authoritative sources here today, in the belief that Eduardo Iturbide was concealed in Conova's state room.

At Aguas Calientes Conova refused to permit search of his compartment. At Torreon a company of troops boarded the train with a second request for admission. Conova called upon the conductor to telegraph a protest to Villa, the troops meanwhile deferring action. At Chihuahua City the train was delayed over night by what was said to bea wrecked car. Conova was asked to remove his luggage to a day coach. As he removed the last bag a number of state officials and secret service men are said to have pounched into his state room. It was empty.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect.
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YEAR OF BUILDING IN DUNN

Year Would Have Been a Record-Breaker But for War

Special Star Correspondence)

Dunn, N. C. Dec, 27.—The year now drawing to a close, though one in whose late months a serious setback was experienced by all Dunn's industries, has been one in which the town has made more progress in all lines than in any previous one of its history. Its building record is the greatest ever known and, had no obstacle been encountered, the present would be the most prosperous time in the community's career. It is estimated that $214,000 has been spent in building during the last twelve months, and to this might be added $30,000 for sewerage completed in August. The buildings completed or now under construction include two handsome churches; a four-story, absolutely fire-proof bank building; two brick, tobacco warehouses; five brick, mercantile buildings; and thirty dwellings. Fully $100,000 worth of other buildings had been planned, and would now be well underway had business been normal.

CRIPPLE LOSES FOOT.

Dunn Man Fell Under Wheels of Moving A. C. L. Train.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 27.—Festus West, the cripple employe of the Atlantic Coast Line, who guards traffic from danger at the Broad street crossing, lost his right foot and a portion of his left under the wheels of the south-bound passenger train late Wednesday afternoon. Mr. West had boarded the train as it stood at the station, with the intent of crossing to the other side. He was delayed by the crowded condition of the car platform, however, and could not alight before the train had started and had gained considerable headway. When he leaped to the ground he stumbled and fell under the wheels.

ALPINE CHASSEURS ARE DOING GREAT SERVICE

Wiry French Soldiers Disregard Bullets

Mostly Burdened With Patrol Duty These Soldiers Are Never Wanting When Called Upon to Make Heavy Attack.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Nancy, France, Dec. 9.—The wiry, agile and enduring Alpine Chasseurs whose deep blue uniforms are a familiar sight to the east of Nancy, are performing an inconspicuous but invaluable service in the defense of France. When called into violent action, these troops never have failed to perform their duty with courage and efficiency but for the most part their has been the humbler task of patrol service.

Passing through a forest of the Vosges, coming suddenly into a little clearing, one sometimes sees a formidable rush of a moving mass in blue, which stops abruptly here and there and rushes on again. It is a battalion of Alpine Chasseurs, tirelessly continuing its exercises in order not to get out of training.

The officers of these troops are very young men, but well selected. Here within sight of the Pohneck—a crest of the Vosges that these Chasseurs carried at the beginning of the war by a gallant charge—they are like boys at play, seemingly unconscious of the booming of the cannon that continues over the mountains in the direction of Thann.

Their losses have been severe. A battalion camping near here has left 300 dead, including ten officers, and 700 wounded, including 14 officers, on the field of battle.

In the retreat of the French from Upper Alsace, the Chasseurs covered themselves with glory. The 13th and 22nd regiments and two regiments of cavalry fighting on foot, protected the retreat of the entire 14th army corps.

At a critical stage they received an order to defend the peak of Mandray, possession of which was necessary to assure safety to a retreating army. For five days, 1,700 strong, they remained there under the fire of three German brigades, supported by a brigade of artillery.

The evening of the fifth day, not having slept an hour in 1910, they charged with the bayonet and put to flight a regiment of Pomeranian riflemen advancing under the cover of a terrific artillery fire. When it was over of the 1,700 there remained barely 700. The commanding officer had been killed, and 20 of his officers died at his side. One of the companies was reduced to 50 men. The sacrifice had not been useless, however, for it had protected the retreat of the bulk of the troops and the Germans abandoned pursuit.

PEACE FORUM CALLS ON CONGRESS FOR ACTION.

Wants That Body to Call Conference on Disarmament—After War.

New York, Dec. 27.—Resolutions asking Congress ot call a world conference to discuss disarmament at the close of the present European war were adopted at a meeting here tonight under the auspices of the International Peace Forum.

"We, assembled here tonight in the cause of peace," the resolutions read, "do earnestly and prayerfully petition the Congress of the United States to call a conference of the world's nations at the close of the war to meet and take some adequate action respecting disarmament and the establishing of a court of arbitral justice and the creation of an international police force able to enforce the decrees of the court and thus prevent a repetition of the horrors of war."

The International Peace Forum already has organized a committee including many prominent men for the purpose of advancing the world peace movement. The committee includes William H. Taft, Andrew Carnegie, Charles S. Whitman, Charles W. Fairbanks, Henry Clews, Theodore P. Shonts, John Hays Hammond, Warren G. Harding and Bainbridge Colby. Mr. Clews presided at tonight's meeting and addresses favoring the movement were made by Mr. Hammond, Mr. Colby and Rev. John Wesley Hill, president of the Forum.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The daughter born yesterday to the King and Queen of Italy will be named Maria. It is expected that as a sign of rejoicing over the birth of the Princess, amnesty will be granted a number of prisoners, including those condemned for participation in the revolutionary movement last June.

CONGRESS READY FOR HEAVY GRIND

Reconvenes Tuesday, After a Short Christmas Holiday.

IMMIGRATION BILL IS UP

House of Representatives Has Made Good Start Toward Finishing by Usual Time—Senate is Running Far Behind House

Washington, Dec. 27.—With leaders in both Houses determined to push through all necessary legislation and avert an extra session after March 4th Congress will reconvene Tuesday after one of the shortest holiday recesses on record.

The appropriation bills and general measures are expected to be cleared up quickly by the House. The Senate, however, still has before it practically the entire legislative programme at the re-opening of the session in addition to the immigration bill and the appropriation measures.

There is a growing disposition on the part of some Democrats to sidetrack or defeat the immigration bill. Senator Lewis, after a recent conference with the President threw down the gauge of battle over the literacy test issue which the President opposes. Some Senators believe enough votes can be found to strike out the provision, which it is admited, would operate to defeat the bill. Senator Smith, of South Carolina, chairman of the immigration committee proposes, however, to continue the fight for the bill, literacy test and all.

Suffrage Fight Soon

Stirring debate that will rival in interest last week's fight over the prohibition amendment are expected soon after January 1, when a rule will be reported for consideration in the House of a resolution for submission of a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

Leaders in both Houses anticipate prolonged discussion of the naval and military appropriation bills.

The government ship purchase bill, reported to the Senate before the adjournment, is awaiting an opportunity for discussion.

The postoffice appropriation bill is the pending business in the House with the indian, legislative, executive and judicial and the rivers and harbors appropriation bills following. The House agriculture committee has just completed its agricultural appropriation bill, with a total of $22,627,712, for the Department of Agriculture, an increase of almost $2,000,000 over the estimate submitted by the department.

BATTLE BETWEEN MODERN MACHINES

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the enemy delivered two consecutive attacks without success.

"We hold strongly the trenches operated near Puisaleine. On the heights of the Meuse we have consolidated our occupation of the ground taken near the trench of Garonne.

"St. Die has been bon. arded violently from 9:30 o'clock in the morning to noon."

ISLAND NOT CEDED TO JAPAN.

Russia Announces That Trade for Big Guns Has Not Been Made.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—The Russian government has authorized the official news agency to deny categorically the statement that Russia has ceded to Japan half the island of Sakhalin in exchange for heavy artillery. It is asserted the report is absolutely unfounded.

An item given out by the German Press Bureau at Berlin December 25th said reports had been received from Copenhagen that Russia had traded her half of Sakhalin to Japan for heavy guns.

Sakhalin lies off the east coast of Asia. The southern half was ceded to Japan by Russia under the treaty of Portsmouth.

Report Was a Mistake.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The Japanese embassy announced today that a statement made Saturday by a secretary, taken to mean that the embassy had official confirmation of press dispatches that the Russian half of Sakhalin had been turned over to Japan was misinterpreted. It was declared the dispatches were unfounded.

"No report whatever concerning the island has ever been reecived by the embassy," says the embassy's statement.

STEAMERS ARE SUNK.

Several Vessels Strike Mines and Go Down in Channel.

Scarborough, England, Dec. 27, via London.—The Dutch steamer Leersum from Amsterdam, and the British steamer Gallier, from London, struck mines in the North Sea today. The Leersum foundered and two members of her crew were drowned. The Gallier succeeded in reaching port.

TORPEDO DESTROYER ASHORE.

British Naval Vessel Strikes Early in Morning—Entire Crew Saved.

St. Andrew's, Scotland, Dec. 27. — Via London—A British torpedo boat destroyer went ashore early today on the coast of Kingsbarns, six miles southeast of St. Andrew's. Her crew was saved by life boats.

The destroyer, steaming south from Aberdeen to the Firth of Forth, in the darkness and without shore lights, lost her bearings. After the rescue or a portion of her crew, one of the life boats was stove in by the heavy surf, and the remainder of the crew were saved by a second lifeboat, after considerable difficulty.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson celebrates his 58th birthday tomorrow. Congratulatory messages began coming in today from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries. No special observance of the anniversary is planned and the President will spend the day quietly with his family.

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COLONEL ARTHUR M'ARTHUR DROPS DEAD OF APOPLEXY

Well Known Newspaper Man of Troy, New York, Passes Into Beyond

Troy, N. Y., Dec, 27.—Colonel Arthur MacArthur, grand master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, died suddenly of apoplexy today at his home here. He was 64 years old.

Colonel MacArthur was editor and proprietor of the Troy Northern Budget and was widely known as a newspaperman. He was a prominent Republican. Governor Morton appointed him to his military staff and he was retained in that capacity by Governor Black.

Col. MacArthur had been prominently identified with Masonry for many years. He was elected grand master of the grand encampment at Denver Colo., in 1913. He had been a Mason since 1872.

WINTER'S COLDEST SNAP OVER AND TEMPERATURE RISES.

Northfield, Vt., Has Temperature of 28 Below on Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Winter's record breaking cold wave which had covered most of the country from the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic coast was broken tonight and generally rising temperatures were predictions for the next few days.

Forecasters at the weather bureau said the temperatures already were moderating everywhere east of the Rockies and north of the Mason and Dixon line. In the Southern States, it was said, temperatures would be raised to normal seasonal averages by tomorrow.

Northfield, Vt., was the coldest city in the Eastern United States today. The temperature there was 28 degrees below zero.

CAMPAIGN IN SERVIA IS VIVIDLY DISCRIBED

Desperate Fighting Between Austrians and Serbs.

Trenches in Many Places Only a Few Yards Apart, and Seldom Over Fifty Yards Apart at the Most—Undermining.

Nitrovica, Hungary, November 22. — (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The southern theatre of war had its "Yser canal and West Flanders"—a terrain whose possession has meant much to the adversaries. Before the Austrian army could make headway against Servia, it was necessary to take the Macva district, and before this could be invaded the Parasnica peninsular, in the Save, north of the Drina's mouth, had to be taken.

The Austrians who first attacked the Servian positions in the Parasnica early in August found the undertaking too costly, and for over a month contented themselves with a siege of the position. By the end of September it became apparent that the Parasnica and Macva would have to be cleared of Servians and offensive operations were resumed. Towards the end of October the Parasnica finally was occupied, after a desperate struggle. From that time on, the Austrian advance made steady headway until Valjevo and Krag-ujevac, the last fortified positions of the Serbs, were taken.

The area of the Parasnica is approximately two and one-half square miles. Today its level surface is furrowed by hundreds of miles of entranchments, redoubts and bomb proofs, and covered open passages from one trench to another.

In many places the trenches are but 15 yards apart, and in but a few instances are they separated by more than 50 yards. So well constructed were the entrenchments that field artillery was useless. Every attempt by the Austrians to take them by infantry attacks resulted in terrible slaughter.

In the end a practice common in the Middle Ages had to be resorted to by counter mining. The Serbs had entrenched themselves to a depth of from five to nine feet, and the Austrian Sappers dug deeper tunnels at right angles to the Servian trenches and parallels through which their infantry would advance under cover of night.

For about six weeks this really subterranean war continued. It was ended by the bringing up of heavy mortar batteries by the Austrians.

The struggle later was carried into the open country beyond the peninsular. The resitance of the Serbs collapsed only after their positions near the village of Czarnabara had to be abandoned.

Gradually, the Serb inhabitants of the Macva recaptured after the rehabilitation of the Servian army, are returning to their ruined homes. Little is left of their stock. Here and there one sees a few porkers on the point of starvation, and hundreds of hungry dogs. Even the prune trees of the district, whose fruit is said to be famous all over Europe, have not escaped the terrors of war. Some of the orchards were plowed up by artillery fire, while others supplied fire wood and trench piling.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson, it became known today, plans to make several addresses on his return trip from the San Francisco Exposition next spring, and his friends expect him to reply to attacks on his Mexican policy and other administration policies. It will be Mr. Wilson's first trip across the continent since becoming President.

Gore, Ga.—P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." Foley Cathartic Tablets are stimulating in action, and neither gripe nor sicken. They are wholesome and thoroughly cleansing, and keep the liver active. Stout people like them.

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TOMATO CLUBS ARE PROVING SUCCESS

Over Thirty Thousand Girls Now Taking Part.

IN FOURTEEN STATES

Movement Launched Some Years Ago by General Education Board With 325 Members Now Numbers Thousands in South.

New York, Dec, 27.—Results of the Girls' Canning Club movement in Southern States, promoted jointly by the Department of Agriculture and the General Education Board, are detailed in an installment of the latter organization's annual report made public today.

"Each girl," says the report, "takes one-tenth of an acre and is taught how to select the seed, to plant, cultivate and perfect the growth of the tomato plant. Meanwhile portable canning outfits have been provided, to be set up in the orchard or the garden, and trained teachers of domestic science instruct the local teachers in the best methods. When the tomatoes are ripe the girls come together, now at one home and now at another, to can the products. The girls are taught the necessity of scrupulous cleanliness; they sterilize utensils and cans, seal and label and indeed manufacture an easily marketable product.

"Three hundred and twenty-five girls were registered the first year; 3,000 the next, and 22,550 in the year following, in 1913 there were upward of 30,000 in 14 different states.

The Expenses Paid.

"The entire expense of the Girls' Canning Club work has at all times been borne by the General Education Board, except for local contributions. In 1911 an initial appropriation of $5,000 was made; $25,000 the following year, and in May, 1913, the appropriation of the board for this purpose was $75,000.

"Though the national government, through the Department of Agriculture had entire control and supervision, it has borne no part of the expense. The states in which the work is now going forward on this basis are Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

The average profit made by the girls reporting in 12 states was $21.98, but not a few made sums far in excess. A Macon county, Mississippi, girl realized a net profit just under $100 on her 950 cans of tomatoes; a girl living in Aiken county, South Carolina, netted $60.51.

"The imponderable gains are certainly not less important. Canning Club Days is a social occasion. Thus social interest is kindled about the doing of something worth while. There follows a spirit of mutual helpfulness, mutual concern, mutual affection. This sort of thing lays the foundation for co-operation in larger and more important things—in the church, in the school, in charities, in business."

RUSSIANS HOLD GROUND IN EAST

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maintain their positions east of the Dunajec river. They seem to be holding their own, however, on the lower reaches, and also to be gaining ground steadily in the Carpathians.

"The Servians again are back at the border along the Drina and Save rivers, but probably are not in considerable force.

"Constantinople reports that the action against Batum is proceeding favorably. The holy banner of the prophet has been brought into Damascus amid great rejoicing.

"The Rome newspaper, Vita, reports rioting in Alexandria, Egypt. Three thousand men, with machine guns, the paper says, were necessary to suppress the disorder. Eigthy-five Arabs were killed.

"A report from Copenhagen says the authorities of Warsaw have withdrawn to Vilna.

"The Secolo, of Milan, says Servia is refusing transit to Bulgarian ammunition steamers on the Danube, and that this action is exasperating Bulgaria. The Bulgarian papers, according to the Secolo, are demanding enforcement of transit regulations."

WELFARE SYSTEM IS PROGRESSING NICELY.

New Plan of Prison Reform Proves a Success Says New York Warden.

New York, Dec. 27.—The new welfare system introduced in Sing Sing prison already is showing remarkable results, Warden Thomas Mott Osborne told members of the Westside Y. M. C. A. today. Given better accommodations and more liberty in the conduct of prison affairs, the convicts, Mr. Osborne said, have shown their appreciation by better conduct and evidence of a keen desire to lead better lives.

"There has been such a wave of righteousness that it is sweeping me and others off our feet," said the speaker, who added "that instead of crowds locked up in cells awaiting punishment in the limited number of dark cells there has not been one case of punishment since December 1st."

London, Dec. 27. — The new Apostolic Delegate to Turkey, Monsignor Dolci was received yesterday by Sultan Mohmed V, according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople. Monsignor Dolci presented to the Sultan an autograph letter from Pope Benedict. It was the first occasion on which an Apostolic Delegate has been received by the ruler of Turkey without the intervention of the French ambassador.

Mansfield, Ark., Dec. 27. — W. W. Roberts, a local telephone manager, who is alleged to have discharged employees who testified for the government in recent investigations of the Hartford Valley mining troubles, was arrested today on a Federal indictment charging conspiracy against the government. The indictment was returned at Fort Smith.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 27. — Public concerts were held here today to raise a fund for a monument to the memory of the Mexicons who fell last April during the landing of the American forces.

TURKS ARE VICTORIOUS.

Official Report Issued Sunday Declares Russians are Driven Back

Constantinople, via London, Dec. 28. (3:38 A. M.) An official communication issued Sunday says:

"The Turkish forces are victoriously advancing along the Caucasian front. There is no truth in the Russian official report that the Hamidieth has been torpedoed at Sebastopol. The Turkish fleet, including the Hamidieh, steamed through the Black sea and returned without damage.

"One of our warships on December 24th met a Russian squadron composed of five battleships, two cruisers, ten destroyers and there mine layers The Turkish ship, single handed, during the night attacked and bombarded the battleship Rostialaw and sank the two mine layers Oleg and Athos. Two Russian officers and thirty sailors were rescued and taken prisoners.

Simultaeously another portion of our fleet successfully bombarded Batum. On December 25th in the forenoon, two of our ships offered battle to the Russian fleet, which retreated to Sebastopol.

CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF CALIFORNIA DEAD.

Pneumonia Given as Cause of Death of High Church Official.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Most Rev. Patrick William Riordan, archbishop of the diocese of San Francisco of the Catholic church, died at his home in this city at 4:05 A. M. today. Archbishop Riordan contracted a severe cold five days ago which developed into pneumonia.

Archbishop Riordan was the second archbishop of San Francisco. He was born in August, 1841, at Chatham, New Brunswick, and spent his boyhood at Chicago. He was educated at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and the University of Louvain, Belgium. He came to Chicago in 1866 to fill the chair of theology in the Seminary of St. Mary's of the Lake and later held pastorates in several Illinois cities. In 1883 he was consecrated titular bishop of Cabesa and condjutor with the right of succession to the See of San Francisco to which he was elevated December 28, 1884.

NEW ORLEANS PAPERS DECLARE "OPEN SHOP."

Trouble Between Composing Room and Front Office—Police on Scene.

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Withpolice and detectives stationed about the building occupied by the New Orleans Times-Picayune the editorial staff of that publication tonight is operating the composing room in an effort to publish a paper tomorrow morning.

Alleged failure of the local typographical union to agree to conditions imposed upon the composing rooms of the Times-Picayune, the Daily States and The Item, the latter two being afternoon publications here, resulted in the announcement that hereafter they would operate on an open shop basis.

The Times-Picayune is said to have declared a lockout on composing room employes who would not return under the new conditions. The union has not yet announced what action it will take.

No question of wages is involved.

CHARLES M. HALL IS DEAD.

End Came in Florida—Home Was in New York—Died Yesterday.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 27.—News was received here tonight of the death at Daytona, Fla., of Charles M. Hall, president of the Aluminum Company of America.

Charles Martin Hall was accredited as one of the greatest of America's chemists. For his researches he was awarded the Parkin medal in 1911. He was born in Thompson, Ohio, and was a graduate of Oberlin College.

Mr. Hall was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institution of Electrical Engineers of Great Britain, the American Philosophiacl Society, the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, and the American Electro-Chemical Sosiety.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN FIRE LATE LAST NIGHT

Cambridge City Home, Three Stories, Destroyed by Flames—Others Hurt.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 27.—At least five inmates of the Cambridge City Home lost their lives when fire destroyed the three-story stone structure on Tannery street tonight. Firemen at a late hour were searching the ruins for possible additional bodies. The five recovered were so badly burned that identification was impossible.

Scores of men, women and children were taken down ladders. Many were so seriously burned or affected by the smoke that they were taken to hospitals.

SEARCHLIGHT TO SHOOT HARES.

Hunters in Autos Find Rabbits Easy Victims After Being Blinded by Light.

(Dixon, Ill., dispatch to N. Y. Sun.)

The rabbit hunters of Dixon have hit upon a new way to capture bunny. They are now doing their hunting at night and use specially equipped automobiles for the work.

A large searchlight is mounted on the car in addition to the regular lights and the hunter takes his seat beside the driver, flashing the light from side to side of the country roads. The rabbits are blinded by the light and become easy victims of the hunter. Forty rabbits were killed last night in a trip by two hunters near here.

Many farmers who have their farms posted forbidding hunting are up in arms, saying that night shooting is killing all the rabbits, and they know of no way to stop it.

Amsterdam via London, Dec 27—Comparative quiet reigned everywhere in Flanders on Christmas day but heavy gun fire began again early yesterday morning, according to the Sluis correspondent of the Telegraaf. He says the Germans have received further reinforcements especially at Nooke and Heyst.

Paris, Dec, 27—The French war department, which still is in bordeaux, will return to Paris, January 7th.

Latest Wirelets

Petrograd, Russia, Dec. 27.—Emperor Nicholas, who left Moscow Christmas evening, has arrived at the battle front.

Palermo, Sicily, via Rome, December 27.—A regiment of sharp-shooters have left for Avlona, Albania, to replace the blue jackets who took possession of the port last week.

Rome, Dec, 27.—Turkey has removed the troops and artillery from Adrianople and is sending them to defend the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, according to a dispatch from Athens.

Rome, Dec. 27. — Nnone of the powers has protested against the Italian occupation of Avlona, Albania, and the hope generally is expressed here that no complications will arise which will force Italy to abandon neutrality.

Valparaiso, Chili, Dec. 27.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia, which came into port yesterday, sailed today after taking on provisions. She has been cruising along the coast for several weeks.

Bari, Italy, via Rome, Dec. 27. — Advices from Albania state that Essad Pasha, the provisional president, has gathered 8,500 soldiers and marched against the Albanian rebels, intending to engage them in a decisive battle.

SELL COCAINE TO CHILDREN

Six Arrests of Men Charged With Peddling Drug to School pupils

(From New York Sun)

Complaints received by Police Inspector Ryan and Bolan from the parents of many school children that cocaine sellers have been plying their trade outside public schools and that children had come home under the influence of the drug led to the arraignment of six men in Harlem police court yesterday charged with selling the drug.

As a result of the complaints a squad of detectives has been sent out to watch closely at the schools in Harlem and round up all the drug agents they can find.

One of the prisoners said he was John Grasso, a bricklayer, 2945 West Thirty-first street, Sea Gate. Detective Caspers said he had watched this man dispose of ten packages of cocaine to boys of from 10 to 16 years in front of the public school at 106th street near Second avenue.

The case aroused Magistrate Herbert who said that if he had summary jurisdiction he would send Grasso to prison for twenty years. Grasso was held in $3,500 bail for further examination Caspers said he found 22 packages of cocaine and $24.80 in Grasso's pockets.

LASSOES BEAR IN HIS YARD.

Michigan Man Finds Bruin in Tree and Soon Has Him in a Zoo.

(Iron Mountain, Mich., Dispatch to New York Sun.)

Henry Citizen, rising with the lark, was enabled to snare a big black bear in his front yard. Citizen did not expect a bear hunt when he arose, and was astounded when he stepped out of his front door to find Bruin perched in a tree a few feet away.

A menacing growl chased him to beat a retreat, for purposes of reflection. He returned with a noosed clothesline, which he threw at the animal in regular Wild West fashion.

After several attempts the noose settled over the bear's neck, and it was but a short time before Citizen had the animal neatly trussed up, and later presented it to the city for the beginning of a zoo.

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MUSIC *in* WAR

Turkish Buglers.

Prussian Infantry Band.

Band of the English Life Guards.

Servian Band.

Russian Drum Corps.

French Buglers and Drummers.

WITH the ebb and flow of the fortune of battle—the rally, the rush to attack, the retreat, the enforced waiting—there are developed the patriotic songs of the people.

A young officer drains the last drop of wine proffered him by his impoverished but generous host and writes a hymn that a nation takes up and "sings with hearts defiant of Death, Despot and Devil." A prisoner looks upon the assault of a fort by the enemy and composes an apostrophe to his flag that is sung by growing millions of the great republic.

Men are going to their deaths daily because the measured praises of their respective fatherlands have sunk into their souls, and corps after corps of soldiery march irresistibly to victory to strains that were not born to accompany defeat. Lads unacquainted with the harshness of life go to distant dangers and discomforts to the lilt of a song that became popular over night. In the interludes between the battles, while leaving water soaked trenches for such poor cover as may be found, or advancing to a position of greater danger and opportunity, men of all degrees unite their hearts in the camaraderie of the song of their common land.

As far as history and tradition take us into the early ages when man first began to strive with man in bloody combat we find mention of music as its accompaniment. In the Fourth Book of Moses it is written:—"And God spake to Moses, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them. And thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation and for the journeying of the camps. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And when ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresses you, then shall ye blow an alarm with the trumpets.'"

In the long wars of the Ptolemies, too, the trumpets were utilized to make the marches easier for the men and to arouse their enthusiasm for attacks upon the enemy. From the days of the primitive trumpet to the brass bands of to-day there has never been an interval when some form of instrumental music has not been called upon to rouse the martial spirit and to put heart into the discouraged. The savage beating his tom-tom relies upon its vibrations to stir men to illimitable deeds of courage, and the civilized commander, seeing the wearied bodies and jaded spirits of his men, calls upon the band to clear the air of the miasma of lowering horror and depression.

Frederick the Great received a gift of an entire janizary band of a hundred pieces from Sultan Mustapha III. The sounds made by these instruments, being in the nature of piercing squeals, were of great effect in drowning the moans and cries of the wounded. One of the peculiarly constructed musical instruments consisted of a crescent surmounted standard and a triangle of sleigh bells, decorated with the long bunches of horse hair still conspicuous in the regimental bands of to-day. These standards were nicknamed "jingling Johnnies" by the British soldiers.

Napoleon I. was a firm believer in the inspiring effects produced by music on armies and utilized it with telling results. During the peninsular campaign the British bands had a conspicuous part. At Busaco, when the English, weakened and starving, were hard pressed by the French, the Duke of Wellington sent forward the bands to play the national anthem. Instantly the men fought with renewed vigor and the battle was won.

An officer said, "I saw one company waver but a non-commissioned officer shouted that as long as the music lasted the fighting would go on and threatened to put a bullet into the first man who showed signs of cowardice. He did not have to fire."

At Talavera two bands were entrenched in a ravine and played stirring music to goad the men to fight against the enemy.

During the Schleswig-Holstein War of 1848 Prince Frederick Charles, the father of the Duchess of Connaught, ordered his regimental bands to play a religious chorale praying for victory—and victory came. During the Franco-Prussian War a general wrote to headquarters, "Send me a thousand men and the music of the 'Marseillaise' and I will guarantee you a victory." Before Plevna in the Turco-Russian War, Skobeleff, a Russian general, was about to order a retreat when he caught sight of the Imperial Guards Band standing in the rear. He at once ordered them to play the Russian national anthem, and the disheartened soldiers, with a great access of courage, swept over the Turcos, utterly routing them.

Every one is familiar with the story of the drummer boy who, when ordered to beat a retreat, replied, "Sire, I know not how to beat a retreat," and furiously rapped out an advance, turning the tide and saving the day.

Thousands have wept over Lew and Jakin, the drummer boys who died that the fleeing English might come back and rout the formidable Afghans, as described by Kipling in "The Drums of the Fore and Aft." The boys were "a brace of the most finished little fiends that ever banged drum or tooted fife in the band of a British regiment."

They smoked, drank and swore, and the other drummer boys hated them. When the "Fore and Aft" regiment was about to be ordered away to service the boys waylaid the Colonel and begged to be permitted to accompany it. The regiment was green and it was cruelly mauled on the way to join the other regiments, and when the day of the great battle arrived they were called out at dawn on an empty stomach and set to face an attack of black men who came on brandishing knives a yard long, every one determined to die and to put at least one Englishman to death before he died. The English fired blindly and with little effect and the horde of screaming, slashing black men came on and on.

The unseasoned regiment could not endure it, and in spite of the commands and beatings of the officers the men turned and fled, all but the two little drummer boys, whose legs were too short to keep up with the long paces of the tall soldiers. Hiding behind a rock one said to the other, "Take the fife and give me the drum and we'll tip the bloomin' cowards back." Thereupon the two little red dots moved forward in the open, parallel to the enemy's front, playing:—

"But of all the world's great heroes
There's none that can compare
With a tow-row-row-row-row,
To the British grenadier."

"Don't kill the boys," commanded a priest of the Afghans. "Take them alive and we'll make them of our faith." But the first volley had been fired. Lew dropped on his face and Jakin spun around and collapsed. Half the men of the regiment had seen the boys die and heard the call of the fife and drum. Silently but in order they advanced, reserving their fire, and in the last hour of the fighting retrieved their reputations and answered the call of the drummer boys who had died in giving it.

The conditions under which some of the music that has inspired men to win battles has been written are as dramatic as any incident of the war. The "Marseillaise," which is heard on the far thrown battle line in France and Belgium to-day, was composed by a young French officer, Rouget de Lisle, in the home of Mayor Dietrick, in Strasburg in 1792. De Lisle was the son of royalist parents, and to his consternation he heard his patriotic music adopted by the Revolutionists and played as an accompaniment to the execution of many of his friends, among them Dietrick himself, at whose fireside it had been written. The author barely escaped death himself, but lived to hear the air become the most popular of his native land.

The soldiers of the dual monarchy in the present war sing the noble Austrian hymn composed by Haydn in 1797. The musician had been so much impressed with the effect of "God Save the King" in England that when he returned to Vienna he suggested that a similar one be written for Austria. The Prime Minister appointed Haschke, the poet, to write the words and Haydn set them to music.

"God preserve our noble Emperor—
Franz, our Emperor, good and great;
Mighty ruler, high in wisdom,
We his glory celebrate.

"Love shall twine him laurel garlands;
They become his regal state;
God preserve our noble Emperor—
Franz, our Emperor, good and great."

The Russians' song in praise of their Tsar runs:—

"Lord God, protect the Tsar,
Powerful and mighty;
May he in glory, in glory reign;
Lord God, protect the Tsar."

Less august, but soul stirring, is the song of the Cossacks:—

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!
High the Cossack heart is bounding
When the battle call he hears,
Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!
When the wild hurrah is sounding
Welcome music to his ears.
Hurrah! Hurrah!

"When his steed to combat springing
Onward strains,
High in air his lance he's swinging,
Fights and gains.
High in air his lance he's swinging,
Fights and gains.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Ho!

"Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!
Yet the restless Cossack never
Long a peaceful life can lead.
Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho!
Ha! His heart is burning ever
Toward the battlefield to speed.
Hurrah! Hurrah!

"When the cannon roar he heareth
Naught fears he.
E'en the face of death he heareth
Laughingly.
E'en the face of death he heareth
Laughingly.
Hurrah! Hurrah! Ho!"

The sonorous German "Wacht am Rhein" became popular in the Franco-Prussian War and is doing service today in heartening the Teutons in their struggles against the Allies:—

"With thunderbolt the air is rent,
Like roar of waves and sword-dash blent,
Now of the Rhein so free
Who will the river's guardian be?"

There is a bold challenge in that other song of the Germans:—

"I am a Prussian, do you know my colors?
The standard floats before me black and white,
My fathers died their liberty defending,
Which doth proclaim the colors mine by right."

British soldiers have gone intrepidly to face terrific odds to the careless refrain of "It's a long, long way to Tipperary," which, contrary to general opinion, was not composed for this war, but was sung casually in music halls and elsewhere more than a year ago. Why did it become the idolized and universally sung and whistled tune wherever the youth of the country left their customary pursuits and joined the ranks of the army? Perhaps when the psychology of the war is written it will be explained why "Tipperary" and not "Fighting with the Royal Fusiliers" or some other song was selected as the marching tune of the regiments. Soulful persons have wished that it might have been Elgar's "Land of Hope and Glory" that had animated the forces, but Tommy Atkins would have none of it. "Tipperary" was his song and he had a right to sing what he wanted, "'e 'ad."

The national anthem of Great Britain, "God Save the King," was first sung at a dinner November 20, 1739, and became popular during the Scotch rebellion in 1745. The Scotch have many war songs of their own that stir the blood and set men's feet to marching, especially to the accompaniment of the shrill bagpipes. One of the most familiar is the "Blue Bonnets Over the Border":—

"March! March! Ettrick and Teviotdale,
Why, my lads, dinna ye march forward in order?
March! March! Eskdale and Liddesdale;
All the blue bonnets are over the border.
"Many a banner spreads fluttering over your head,
Many a crest that is famous in story.
Mount and make ready, then, sons of the mountain glen—
Fight for your Queen and the old Scottish glory."

Most of Ireland's patriotic songs are sentimental, as Moore's:—

"Let Erin remember the days of old,
Ere her faithless sons betrayed her,
When Malachi wore the collar of gold
Which he won from the proud invader
When her kings with the standard of green unfurled
Led the Red Branch Knights to danger,
Ere the emerald gem of the western world
Was set in the crown of a stranger."

Other Irish songs are expressions of yearnings for the past. "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls" and "Oh, for the Swords of Former Times."

Denmark has a fine national hymn inspired by the story of the origin of the Danebrog banner. In 1219 King Valdemar the Conqueror undertook an expedition against Esthonia to convert the heathen. The Danes were all but defeated when the banner fell from heaven and brought them victory. The blood red banner with its cross of white became the chief standard until it was lost in an unfortunate expedition in 1500.

"Proud Daneborg be flowing
O'er Codan's rolling flood,
Night cannot hide thy glowing,
Oh, banner red as blood.
For thee has bravely striven
And fallen many a knight;
Dear Denmark's name t'ward heaven,
Waved high thy cross of light."

If Italy should go to war her patriots would sing Garibaldi's hymn:—

"From out the tomb the dead heroes are speaking
Martyrs of old, retribution are seeking,
Their swords not at rest, round each head shines a halo,
With Italy's motto graved on each breast,
Come forward all, come forward,
Rise comrades, brave and glorious,
Unfurl the banner, for we'll be victorious."

America has no air or anthem so distinctive as that of most European countries. Her "Star Spangled Banner," composed by Francis Scott Key during the assault on Fort McHenry is too difficult for the average soldier, and "America" has only its borrowed music. Probably our soldiers would adapt a popular tune of the day if they should be engaged in war, as they did "A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night" during the Spanish-American War, and as the English soldiers have taken "Tipperary." Also, "Yankee Doodle" will always have a place, little as there is to be said for it other than for its associations. The original words ran:—

"Father and I went down to camp,
Along with Captain Goodwin,
And there we saw the men and boys,
As thick as hasty puddin'.

"Yankee Doodle, keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Mind the music and the step,
And with the girls be handy."

And a lot more doggerel of the same calibre.

"Yankee Doodle" is said to have been composed as a joke by Dr. Schapburg, of the British army, for the recruits who poured in in motley garb during the French and Indian war, but the tune goes back to the days of Roundheads and Cavaliers. There have been many parodies, and attempts have been made to relate it to music of several countries of Europe. Some say that it is an old vintage song of France; the Spaniards detect in it a resemblance to popular airs of Biscay; the Magyars say it is an old dance song of theirs; and the Dutch have attempted to prove that it is a low country song of bonny-claber and tithes. Whatever it may have been, it has become thoroughly Americanized.

In camp and before battle the soldiers sing their répertoire of martial and devotional music, interspersed with sentimental ditties. When the word comes for action there are only quick marches played. As 120 paces have to be got into a minute, the tempo is necessarily brisk. Russia is the only modern nation that sings as it advances on its foe, having for that purpose a selected chorus and a special leader.

It is strange to think that wherever men are going to battle they are pleading that God will uphold their right and bless their arms with victory, but it is this conviction that wins battles.

The War and the Stars

THAT prophecy is a lost art is again exemplified by the European war, which was not predicted by a single one of the numerous astrologers who are constantly studying the stars. The only prophet who came anywhere near it was a young mathematician of Rochester, Mr. E. L. Johndro, who early in July wrote a letter to a newspaper stating that the relations between Austria, Servia and Russia would be very much strained in August. He added, however, that diplomacy would settle the difficulty and that no real European war would come until 1918, and would then last three years.

Mme. Thebes, the much talked of Parisian prophet, some time ago said that this would be a bad year for the Kaiser and predicted that his death would occur on September 29 of this year, but nothing happened to the Kaiser and Mme. Thebes announced that she had made a mistake in her calculation and so put the date of his demise in November of this year. Why or how she does this is a mystery to any one who knows anything about astrology.

Some English astrologers after the war started announced that it would last for a few months and that the Allies would be victorious. German astrologers stated that Germany would win, and so it goes. With many of these prophets the wish is father to the thought.

As it is, all that any astrologer can do is to point out fortunate or unfortunate periods, and that is all. For instance, when the malefic Saturn moves to an inharmonious aspect in an individual's chart it is absolutely certain that it will have a harmful effect—it may bring illness to himself, financial troubles or have other baneful effects—but no astrologer can definitely state what it will be and any prophet who does so simply guesses at it. It is the same way with a benefic planet, which may bring sudden good fortune, increase in health and vitality, add to one's prestige, &c., &c.

As with individuals so with countries. The zodiacal sign Gemini rules the United States, and an evil planet in that sign has always brought some difficulty for this country. Since 1912, when Saturn entered this sign, the United States has been in a delicate position as regards Mexico, and in 1808, when Saturn was in Sagittarius, opposing Gemini, we had the war with Spain. In September Saturn passed out of Gemini and since then the Mexican question has gradually simmered down.

There are many aspects of the planets which it is known positively will produce certain results, but astrology has not yet risen to that point of efficiency and perfection where it can be definitely predicted when and what will take place.

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Christmas, with its cost, is gone, but the good cheer of the giving remains ever with us.

After New Year's, recipes for making cake will be gladly exchanged for good ones for making "dough".

Various kinds of languages are spoken on the battle lines in Europe but all suffer alike and die alike.

All of us ought to take a deep interest in the success of farming because we get our sustenance from Mother Earth.

It is a mistaken idea that quaffing and laughing and drinking and blinking have characterized Christmas in dry territory.

The average American is getting to be as restless and discontented as the people down in Haiti. They manifest it in a different way.

"All the world's a stage" but most men prefer to act the part of home stayers than to go to the front and play the part of a soldier.

A Buffalo man says he did his best to make a man of his son, but failed, while a chorus girl scored a complete success in making a Johny of him.

Sheep breeding is urged in New England where lands have become unprofitable for farming purposes. Why not farm and raise sheep as a side line?

Many will sit up next Thursday night to welcome the new year and bid farewell to the old one. Those who work at night have the pleasure of welcoming a new day every twenty-four hours.

Hot water is said to be good for snake bites, but there are plenty or men who will argue that snake poison would get in its work while somebody is building a fire to get the water hot.

Historic 1914 is coming to a close within the next four days. If we have not learned many good lessons from its trying experiences we have lost a fine opportunity to add to our store of wisdom.

It is said that the people in Poland are suffering worse from the ravages of war than those in Belgium. The people of Poland happen to be where no aid can reach them if there were any movement to send them relief.

In a London letter in the New York Tribune, it is stated that women's journals are discussing with their readers the best way in which a soldier's wife can support herself and two children on $5 a week. One of the crimes of war is that bread-winners are depended upon to do most of the fighting. Only the rich can afford to leave their wives and children to go to war.

According to trade journals, new business for this country's steel mills had increased to 30 per cent of their capacity up to three weeks ago, while the business at this time shows an increase of 50 per cent. The outlook is said to be better than ever, and it is claimed in well informed circles that the increased freight rate allowed the railroads will soon put them in the market for rails, engines, bridges and all other kinds of equipment.

After the holidays, the Postoffice Department will have a chance to make an interesting report concerning the parcel post business of the government. The holiday business of 1913 severely taxed the carrying arrangements of the new system, but it is said that this year the business done all over the United States has been phenomenal, while it has been handled expeditiously and more efficiently than the year before. Preparations were made for a deluge of business and it is said the result shows the tremendous popularity of the system. If the express companies have done fairly well, 1914 will pass into history as a good Christmas year.

BACK TO THE OLD CONSTITUTION

The keynote of the plan evolved by the State Tax Commission and recommended to the General Assembly as a solution of the vexatious problem of revenue and taxation, in its report submitted to Governor Craig the past week, an abstract of which was printed in The Star Sunday morning, is "back to the old constitution". The basis of the entire programme outlined is the strict observance of the requirement in the present constitution that all property be assessed at its true value in money. The Tax Commission, which is composed of the same men as compose the Corporation Commission and whose chairman, Hon. E. L. Travis, was the most prominent opponent of the Tax amendment voted down by the people in the November election, now proposes that in lieu of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, we get back to and obey the constitution we have.

We are constrained to believe that the observance of the present constitution is at least the next best thing to an amended constitution. Certainly the majority of the people, who voted against the amendment, should be willing to stand for the strict enforcement of the requirement of the old constitute. Therefore, it would be logical that those who opposed the amendment should endorse the movement of the Tax Commission to live up to the constitution we have, something we have not been doing since a time when the memory of living man runneth not to the contrary.

In order that property may be assessed at its true value in money, the Commission proposes a re-assessment of all real property in the State, but it would defer this re-assessment until 1916, in order that thorough preparation for the difficult task may be made and because of the present depressed conditions which render property values at this time abnormal. As an inducement to the people to stand for the present constitutional requirement, the report recommends that the tax rate for the State be not made by the Legislature but that the Commission be authorized to make the levy after the total tax value of all property in the State is received and reviewed, and that the act providing for the re-assessment also provide that the State tax levy shall be such that the total revenue produced by it, in connection with the higher assessments, shall not exceed the total for the preceding year plus 6 per cent; that this be specifically stated in the act and in such language that the people may know that the re-assessment is for the purpose of equalization and not for the purpose of increasing taxes. It is urged that seven months be taken for the work of re-assessment and preparing the tax lists for the sheriffs, in order that work may be done thoroughly and properly, with a view to the absolute equalization of tax values as between individuals in a township, as between townships in a county and as between different counties in the State.

The Commission proceeds to outline to the Legislature the machinery for the proposed re-assessment. The plan contemplates thorough and painstaking work on the part of a board of equalization in each township, who would have and give ample time for all persons in the township to file complaints of inequalities in assessments, before the returns were made to the county board of equalization, which would be composed of the county commissioners. The township board would have the full list of all real property in the township, with the assessed value of each piece, printed and a copy furnished each taxpayer in the township, before the board finally passed upon the returns. Then the county equalization board would take ample time to thoroughly canvass the returns and take care to equalize the assessments as between townships. In turn, the county board would send the county returns to the State Board of Equalization, which would be composed of the State Tax Commission, for review and for the work of equalization as between counties, and also as between townships and individuals where deemed proper.

In addition, there would be a tax assessor in each county, to be appointed by the county commissioners the first year and elected by the people thereafter, whose duty it would be to search the records and find unlisted property, assess it and put in on the tax books, both real estate and intangible property, solvent credits, etc. In counties having a county auditor, it is recommended that the office be combined with that of county assessor. It is recommended that the State Tax Commission be given supervisory authority over all assessors, with power to remove them and substitute others for failure to discharge their duties faithfully.

The Commission believes that the assessment of all real property at its true money value, in accordance with the present constitution, would result in the listing of great volumes of solvent credits and other intangible property not now listed because of the fact that if listed at all they must be taxed at their true value while real estate and some other properties are at one half and one fourth their market value. One inevitable result of the Commission's plan would be a great reduction in the tax rate, The Commission believes rate might easily be reduced from 27 1-2 to 15 cents on the $100. This, it is pointed out, would prove the greatest sort of inducement to capital to invest in the State.

Another vital recommendation is that the value of land and the value of improvements on it be listed in separate columns and that the Commission be given the authority to secure from each county a list of the real estate sales during the year, with the selling price, the average for the year to be used in a measure as a basis for arriving at the true money value.

In theory, the plan evolved by the State Tax Commission appears, under the present Constitution, at first reading, to be about as good as can be divised. The great question is, can it be put into actual practice? The Commission suggests that what other states have succeeded in doing North Carolina can do. Other States have adopted tax amendments to their constitutions, such as was proposed in North Carolina, but it couldn't be adopted in this State.

However, all thinking people realize and the Tax Commission admits that the present system of taxation in North Carolina is inadequate, inequitable, unfair and unjust. It is up to the Legislature and the State Tax Commission, whose chairman took upon himself a large part of the responsibility for the defeat of the Tax amendment, to formulate a tax system that shall solve the problem. The Tax Commission says in substance, "Let's go back to the old constitution and obey it." Thus far nobody has proposed a better way, since the defeat of the Tax amendment, and certainly those who voted in November by such heavy majority to hold on to the old constitution without the changing of one jot or title, should be perfectly ready to follow now the man they followed then "back to the old constitution" and be willing to stand for its strict observance in the matter of assessments.

MAKING BOYS INDEPENDENT.

The boy who is trained to do a man's work will be independent in the matter of taking care of himself. It will make a man of him and he will be self-reliant under any or all circumstances. Besides the lesson in industry that a boy gets, necessarily a great asset and benefit of his individually, it makes him stronger, better and wiser. Furthermore, it makes him a better citizen and a stronger man asset of his community and State.

This is said because of a capital editorial comment of the Manufacturers' Record in connection with circumstances that directly involve Wilmington. It was all started by Mr. B. F. Keith, formerly collector of the port of Wilmington, who has one of the finest farms in North Carolina. Those of us in Wilmington know that the Keith place is in the rich Lyon Swamp section of Pender county, and it is there that the Keith mill is still grinding away in a neighborhood that it has served for 150 years.

The Star recently mentioned that Mr. Keith had enlarged the operations at his mill, and he writes the Manufacturers' Record with regard to the revival of work at this old corn mill for the purpose of saying that he is now turning out water-ground meal "not so much for the making of money as it is to please those who have appreciated water-groud meal, and especially those who were raised in the country." In his letter to the Record Mr. Keith adds:

"And, by the way, do you know of and progressive city or town that is not run directly or indirectly, by country-raised people? I believe so much in the country that all my boys who can handle a hoe or a plow are in the field as soon as their school closes, early and late, doing more work by far than the common negro, unless he is with my three boys, who are large enough to do a man's work. This has had the effect of inspiring all or most of the neighboring boys to put on new life. The corn used in this meal is grown in the Lyon Swamp drainage district, where four years ago the water was from one to four feet deep."

The old water mill item itself is interesting, but there is the other all but too brief mention of the rich lands brought into production by the reclamation of swamp lands that have no superior in fertility anywhere—not excepting Arkansas or Texas. Beyond all that is the more philosophical and timely reference to training boys to take a man's part in this world of trials and triumphs. That alone brings out this striking comment of the Manufacturers' Record:

"Blessed are those boys whose father is training them thus early in life to do "a man's work." In the years to come they will look back over the present experience and thank their father and thank the kind Providence which gave them the opportunity to get this practical training in work. There are tens of thousands of boys all over the South who would be made better physically and morally, whose minds would be the brighter, whose lives in this world and in the world to come would be safer if they were getting just such a training as these three Keith boys. There are tens of thousands of boys loafing around country stores, depots and saloons, having implanted in them every evil which idleness can develop, whose strength of character, whose moral and physical tone are being steadily lowered by the mistaken policy of their parents in encouraging or permitting this loafing, instead of training them to regularity of work that the otherwise wasted hours may be made a blessing to them.

"There is not a village, country town or city in the South in which such boys are not to be found, and in the larger cities no lover of mankind can walk the streets day or night and note the loafing, lazy, vicious-looking boys and young men that crowd its thoroughfares without having his heart sink as he thinks of their future. Blessed above the boys who in this idleness are handicapped for time and eternity are the boys who, like those of Mr. Keith's, are busy in life-giving work whenever they are not in school. Earth and Heaven alike look with joy upon boys who are thus trained, as with sorrow they look upon boys cursed by idleness and the viciousness or the helplessness which lack of early training in work develops.

"As the waste land of Lyon Swamp has by work been drained and made to yield large crops, so the waste of lives now valueless to themselves and to their country may, by well-trained work and teaching, be saved and made to yield a rich harvest of better men. There are tens of thousands of boys throughout the South now doing what the Keith boys are doing, but there is room for tens of thousands more."

It is like old times to hear that boys are being raised not to fear work, but to take pride in honest labor of any description. There is more of them in the South than people give it credit for, and it is the industry of the South's own sturdy men that accounts for its wonderful progress today.

A PROPAGANDA OF DECEPTION.

The people of the United States ought not to be deceived by the well planned attack of standpat papers on the Wilson administration. There never was a more systematic scheme to undermine a government at Washington administered in the interest of the masses. There is a studied effort to impress people with the idea that the popular feeling all over the United States is hostile to the Democratic government at Washington. Whether that be true or not, the effort is aimed at making it appear so.

Of course, special interests and protection seekers are back of the fight and a well organized propaganda is sowing the seeds of discontent and making constant use of misrepresentation cloaked under apparent frank and disinterested disguise. Not an element for making trouble is overlooked. Financiers, business men, and manufacturers are having their prejudices adroitly wrought upon. Working men are being stealthily misled, and even Americans of German birth and sympathies are being arrayed against the administration upon the rankest kind of misrepresentation.

Reputable papers are lending themselves to the scheme by publishing the rot. It is the work of bushwhackers who are starting the campaign in behalf of special interests. They love the old game of exploiting the people, but the people ought to see their motives and beware of their conspiracy to undermine the first people's administration this country has had since the Civil War.

The opposition is coming from the same old crowd which amassed millions by means of government aid. They are not taking advantage of the opportunities brought to them by the crippled condition of European competitors who are placed at a disadvantage by the war, but with everything in their favor they are anxious once more to stuff their pockets by means of government aid.

The so-called captains of industry prefer to be piratical exploiters of the people under tariff laws giving them the license to do so in the name of sacalled prosperity. That is the name they conjure with in spite of the fact that the Roosevelt panic put the lid on it despite all the protection given to the exploiters of the people.

The people ought to be too smart to be hoodwinked. The Democratic administration may have scored some mistakes, but, if for no other reason, it ought to have the gratitude of all true Americans for relieving the country from the clutch of the financial freebooters, looters and wreckers, and for protecting the people from the greedy cormorants who have plucked the people and feathered their nests by means of iniquitous tariff laws.

Instead of depending upon tariff laws to enable them to exploit the people for their millions, why don't they make use of their own initiative and go after the trade of the world while the war in Europe has opened such a rich field to them? Instead of doing so they talk about difficulties and prefer the softer snap of being permitted under tariff laws to levy tribute on the American people. The people ought to revolt at such a montsorus proposition. Why should the people again become the willing pawns in an open and shut game for the bloated beneficiaries of protection?

CURRENT COMMENT.

Of course it would be better for all children under 15 years to be in the schools rather than in the factories, but if a family is too poor to afford this what is to be done about it?—Durham Herald.

Mr. Schwab's optimism as to business is going to make him exceedingly unpopular at Chairman Hilles' headquarters. What is the use of organizing a Republican calamity campaign if steel manufacturers like Mr. Schwab insist upon talking like Democrats?—New York World.

On a rainy day the pedestrian who tucks his head into his umbrella and bowls along the streets or across them without an eye out for possible danger invites disaster. If he sticks to the sidewalk he is likely to poke his umbrella into another pedestrian, which might bring on war, and if he is crossing the street he is in danger of getting tangled up with an automobile, street car or hack, with unpleasant consequences to himself. Better a few drops of rain than a head-on collision with an automobile or a large and ugly pedestrian.—Savannah News.

Apparently the Japanese are not all of one mind as to the wisdom of taking part in the war as allies of the Entente Powers. The sudden dissolution of the Parliament at Tokyo yesterday is said to have been resolved upon by the Government in order to prevent the dissension of the members from becoming public. A complete victory of the Entente Powers would result in an enormous increase of the prestige and of the ambitions of Russia. Naturally this would be prejudicial to the interests of Japan, and some of her statesmen appear to be wise enough to foresee this.—Philadelphia Record.

The claims being made of reductions in fire insurance rates in North Carolina are such that the people of the State felt a spirit of rejoicing that this reduction was real. But on top of this came rumors that the reductions announced were more than offset by increases made in the methods of apportioning these insurance rates, and direct testimony as to this matter was given in this paper a few days ago in a communication from Mr. Henry A. Page, of Aberdeen, this same testimony as to increase being given in a communication printed in this paper today from Mr. Victor S. Bryant, of Durham, both of these gentlemen members of the legislative insurance committee appointed to investigate and make recommendations as to fire insurance rates. The matter is one of the greatest importance to the State, and there should be general knowledge of the findings of the committee. This committee, appointed under a joint resolution of the Senate and House at the extra session of the Legislature, filed its report with the Governor on November 25. The report is accompanied by bills to be submitted to the Legislature to give effect to the recommendations of the committee. The committee recommends that power be given the Insurance Department of the State to make fire insurance rates.—Raleigh News and Observer.

We do not remember by what chance J. A. Harps, the Ohio farmer, found his way to Harnett county. He arrived quietly, bought a large holding of land and began farming operations. Shortly thereafter there was heard talk of Harps. He was actually growing tobacco in Harnett and growing great fields of it, too. People heard, investigated and followed suit. The result was the development of a new tobacco belt in North Carolina. Harps grows no cotton at all, though the accepted idea had been that Harnett was best suited to cotton. But he made tobacco his specialty and at the same time raised crops of all kinds except cotton. The fame of the Harps' "Never Fails Farm" has spread beyond the borders of the State. The Sanford Express reports that this season Harps has already sold $15,000 worth of tobacco. That is but a small portion of his crop. The farmers in Cumberland and Sampson counties are preparing to slack up on cotton and go into tobacco and small grain, following the example set by Mr. Harps. It was a pretty good day for agricultural development in North Carolina when Harps drove down stakes in Harnett. He saw the tremendously rich possibilities over which our people had been sleeping, and without undertaking to tell them, he sat to work to show them. The Observer understands Harps is not very fond of newspaper notoriety, but some day it intends to write a story which will bring him to the front for what he is—one of the biggest men in North Carolina.—Charlotte Observer.

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THE BIGGEST TASK OF EUROPEAN WAR

To Provide Homes for the Belgian Refugees.

Statement of Rev. Dr. Dugald Macfadyen, of London, England, Who Will Lecture at St. James' Parish House Today.

The biggest task of the present European war is to provide homes for the million and half Belgian refugees, according to Rev. Dr. Dugald Macfadyen, of London, England, who is spending a few days in Wilmington, and who will lecture at St. James' Parish house, which has been kindly loaned for the occasion, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

"I left London on October 24th," Dr. Macfadyen stated last night, "and at that time Belgian refugees were coming into London at the rate of 2,000 a week and there were already 250,000 in England. I understand, however, that they are not now coming into that country so rapidly on account of their inability to secure transportation facilities."

Dr. Macfadyen stated that one of the first difficulties that presented itself was to reunite families that had become separated in the wild rush to get out of Belgium before the advance of the German army. They were given a cordial reception in England, he stated, because the English feel that they are under great obligation to the Belgians for their stubborn resistance to the Germans. He stated that he first became interested in finding homes for the Belgians in talking with these refugees in London.

"Many of them told me that all that they cared for in their native country had been destroyed and that they did not care to go back where they would be helpless and unable to care for themselves. They expressed themselves as being anxious to begin life over again in a new country, America preferably. Is there any chance for us? they asked.

"I talked with Lord Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, who advised me to come over here and tell the people of their condition. I have been in this country nearly two months now and I have found the people in America greatly interested. Things have moved with great rapidity within the last fortnight and I feel that splendid progress is being made."

Dr. Macfadyen explained that it is not proposed to bring over industrial workers but to settle here those who have been engaged in agricultural pursuits. They are considered the finest market gardeners or truckers in the world.

Dr. Macfadyen stated that soon after arriving in New York he found that our immigration laws would keep most of the Belgian refugees out of this country for the reason that practically all of them are entirely destitute. This made it necessary for him to spend several weeks in Washington and the matter of enacting such regulations as will enable them to come to America will be brought up before the Senate and House of Representatives at an early date.

Dr. Macfadyen state that it is not planned to bring Belgians over as individuals but to settle them in communities of not less than 20 families each. He says that the Belgians are pre-eminently a community folk as all the people of Europe and that they do not do well when settled in small groups. Then, too, this will make it much easier for them on account of their inability to speak English. There are two languages spoken in Belgium, these being French and Flemish.

"What do you think of this section as a desirable place in which to settle them?" he was asked.

"I have been greatly impressed with the suitability of this district for the special quality and work of the Belgians," he replied, "and I hope that it may be possible to settle some of them in this vicinity."

He said that he thought that it might be possible to effect arrangements by which some of the Belgians may be brought to this country next spring and summer. It is not proposed, he said, to bring any of the refugees to this country without having made provision for furnishing them homes before they leave England. Being entirely destitute, it would be necessary to provide them with funds with which to make a living until they could get on their feet. Eventually it is hoped that they would be enabled to own their homes and cultivate their own land. Being accustomed to the intensive form of cultivation it does not require a great deal of land for them to make a good living.

Dr. Macfadyen stated that his mission is not to raise money for the relief of the Belgians, but that incidentally large donations have been made to him, particularly in the vicinity of Boston, and this was immediately turned over to the Belgian consul at Boston.

He stated that President Wilson has given the movement for bringing agricultural laborers from Belgium to this country his approval and that he had found that almost universally it had appealed to Americans as being the proper thing to do.

"Belgium, After Three Months of War", will be the subject of Dr. Macfadyen's lecture this afternoon, and it will be illustrated with stereopticon slides. While not having visited Belgium since the war began, Dr. Macfadyen had previously on two occasions visited that country. The general public is invited to hear him today.

FUNERAL OF MR. VAN BUREN.

Held Yesterday Afternoon From Residence at Winoca Terrace.

The funeral services of Mr. Arthur Van Buren were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence in Winoca Terrace by Rev. Wm. H. Milton, D. D., rector of St. James' church. The honorary pall bearers were J. O. Carr, Esq., Dr. Jos. W. Hooper and Dr. R. H. Bellamy, and the active were Messrs. Warren S. Johnston, Geo. L. Peschau, Robert Rankin, James Stevenson, John VanB. Metts, Clarence French, C. E. Taylor and O. L. Brown. A brother, Mr. Ed. VanBuren, of Richmond, was present. The floral tributes, many of which came from Richmond, were unusually numerous and beautiful, voicing tenderly and beautifully the regrets of the many who held the deceased gentleman in highest esteem.

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ANNUAL SERMON TO TRAINMEN

Jesus, of Nazareth, as the Great Exemplar—Strong Sermon by Dr. A. D. McClure.

Jesus, of Nazareth, as their one great exemplar was presented forcibly to the local order of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., the pastor, in the annual sermon to the brotherhood last night at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the congregation being necessarily small on account of the very inclement weather, but none the less deeply appreciative.

Representatives of the trainmen occupied seats in front, in the middle tier of the church, and it was much regretted that untoward circumstances prevented a much larger attendance, for Dr. McClure's sermon was especially directed to these knights of the tie and rail and it was a most interesting and helpful discourse. He chose for his theme a scriptural lesson from the gospel of St. Matthew in which mindful of his great teachings and his philosophy, the former associates of the lowly Nazarene inquired upon his return if this was Jesus, the Nazarene—Him, whom they had known as the carpenter in his father's shop.

Dr. McClure thanked the trainmen for the opportuinty of speaking to them and felt twice complimented from the fact that only a short time ago he had been chosen and had delivered for the same order the annual address upon the occasion of their memorial service. He made preliminary references to the life led by these men of the road and of the duties and responsibilities which are theirs, taking his text and presenting most effectively the life of Jesus, the workingman, the carpenter in his father's shop, as an exemplar worthy of the highest and lowliest.

Jesus, of Nazareth, was held up as the complete man in that he worked and toiled not only with his hands, but with his mind and heart, the speaker incidentally deploring the present day tendency apparently away from honest toil and telling how for the complete man, as was Jesus of Nazareth, all the human faculties should be brought to bear upon one's work. He also stressed the idea of thorough work and a proper appreciation of the honor and dignity of toil in whatever sphere.

Dr. McClure was heard with great interest by the trainmen who braved an unusually raw rainstorm to hear him.

The sermon having marked the last of the regular church services for the old year, Dr. McClure announced before the sermon that, according to the annual custom at St. Andrew's, the regular New Year's sunrise prayer meeting would be held on Friday morning and he expressed the hope that there would be an especially large attendance. This feature at the church, he said, would be especially enjoyable this year from the fact that other congregations in the northern part of the city, impressed with the beauty and significance of such a service on New Year's, had asked the privilege of joining with St. Andrew's in the observance.

DISTRICT STEWARDS TO MEET.

Methodist Church Body to Hold Annual Session Tomorrow.

The yearly meeting of the district stewards of the Methodist church in the Wilmington district will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, in the ladies' parlor of Grace church. The body is made up of one steward from each charge in the district, and the presiding elder, Rev. L. E. Thompson. The business of the meeting is to fix the salary of the presiding elder and distribute the yearly assessments to the various charges.

CAPE FEAR STILL RISING

Forty-One Feet Above Normal at Fayetteville Yesterday—Construction of Dam Delayed

The heavy rains of the last several days have caused the Cape Fear river to rise rapidly and yesterday morning it was 41 feet above normal at Fayetteville and was still rising, according the government record. The sudden rise in the river during the past week has seriously interfered with the construction of the dam at King's Bluff, this being a part of the canalization project of the upper Cape Fear.

Capt. C. S. Ridley, who has direct supervision of the construction of the lock and dam at King's Bluff, was making a herculean effort to complete the framework of the dam by January 1st. The last section of the cofferdam was built and was ready to be put in place several weeks ago. There was sudden rise in the river and it broke loose from its moorings and floated down the river for several hundred yards before it was anchored. When the river got back to its normal level it was towed back and was just ready to be put in place again when the river began to rise once more and it was again pushed out of place.

This time, however, the river has not stopped with a rise of a few feet and it is not likely that the section can be put in place before next summer.

Maj. H. W. Stickle, United States engineer, views the matter in a philosophical light.

"If the river keeps rising there will be no need for the dam," he said yesterday, "and there is one thing certain we can't complete it unless the river goes down. So it is all right whichever way things turn out. Of course, it will take longer than we anticipated and will likely cost more money but then—well you know you can't figure on such things as Cape Fear suddenly rising almost outside its banks."

With the big problem of looking after that section of the dam on his hands, Captain Ridley had anything but a pleasant Christmas but he has been constantly on the alert, even to sitting up all night to watch the dam. There was no danger of that part which is already placed washing away—it is built as solid as the rock of Gibralter—but he was very anxious to get the other in place before the river rose again.

Little rain was reported in the interior of the State yesterday and the total rainfall for the day in Wilmington was six-one hundredths of an inch but last night it began with a steady misty downpour. The river will not likely rise much higher, it is thought.

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EASY TO FOLLOW THE CROWD

Rev. J. A. Sullivan In Inspiring Address Urges Young Men to Live Upright Lives

"Don't Drift" was the subject of an inspiring address at the Y. M. C. A. fellowship meeting yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church. On account of the inclement weather the attendance was not large. A solo by Mr. F. W. Tremaine was one of the enjoyable features of the meeting.

Mr. Sullivan did not preach a sermon but in order that the main points of his address might be more firmly fixed in the minds of his hearers he had slips of paper distributed on which were the outlines of the message that he wished to bring to them.

"Don't drift with the tide of godless opinions", he said, "for you will find that it is not dependable. There is a tendency today in thinking as well as in living to drift away from the faith of our fathers."

He deplored the fact that new schools are being established whose teachings would establish a religion without God, and that there is the higher criticism which would do away with the Bible as the inspiried word of God. It is easy, he declared, for a young man to be swept off his feet. Men are going away even from religious schools and from the universities with distinct tendencies towards atheism.

There is more sound reason in the religion of Christ, he stated, than there is anywhere else. The greatest minds of every generation have been Christians. The religion of Christ is not simply of the heart but it is also of the head. Faith in Christ is the only sure hope.

Don't drift with the ocean current of the unsaved masses, he continued, for you will find that it leads to destruction. The tendency of the present age is for men to excuse their conduct because it is the custom. He had even heard of ministers of the Gospel excuse certain things that they did that were questionable on the ground that everybody was doing the same thing. He thought that every man should so live as to meet the approval of God for no other kind of life is worth much.

Don't drift when the "winds are contrary", was the third admonition that he made. It is easy to make a feeble resistance which really doesn't count for much. To do this is to be brought to destruction.

Don't drift when the tempest of life is raging, he continued, for if you do you will be driven upon the rocks of eternal doom. Every life must have its shadows. It cannot be all joy. There must be some sorrow.

"Receive the howser Jesus throws out to you," he said in conclusion, "and let Him tow you safely through the voyage of life into the Harbor of Refuge, the Port of Heaven.

Captain Broadway Better

The Raleigh News and Observer yesterday carried an item stating that the condition of Capt. J. S. Broadway, who was paralyzed Tuesday at Hamlet while on duty on the Seaboard, was much better, that he had regained his speech and was decidedly improved. This will be very pleasant news to his countless friends here and elsewhere. Captain Broadway was taken seriously while at work and became practically helpless. He was taken to his home in Rutherfordton and grave fears were entertained for him but his condition is now so favorable that there is reason to hope that he will soon be back on his run. He is one of the most popular railroad men in the State, and is known and esteemed by numberless people who travel the Seaboard between Wilmington and Rutherfordton, and have occasion to be favored by his courtesy and kindness.

COMMUNITY TREE TONIGHT

Postponed Holiday Festivity to be Held This Evening at St. John's Mission—Elaborate Arrangements.

The Community Christmas tree which was to have featured the evening of Christmas and which was postponed on account of the inclement weather at that time and set for tonight, will be given at St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street, provided the weather this evening is propitious.

The arrangements as originally made were elaborate and will be carried out. A feature of the programme will be carols by the children of the Cornelius Harnett school, under the direction of Mrs. Fennell, who has taken not a little trouble to train the young voices for this event. Other numbers on the programme will be interesting.

The entire affair has been in the hands of Rev. W. E. Cox, rector of St. John's church, and he will preside over the exercises tonight. The programme will be rendered from the porch of the Mission house. The tree, secured by Supt. Jno. C. McAllister, of the street department of the city, has been placed and will be illuminated with electric lights, furnished by the Tidewater Power Company.

If the weather proves agreeable, it is expected that not a few people will take part in the event and help to make it a real community affair—the forerunner of many more like it.

DEATH OF MARION THORP.

Youth Who Was Wounded Last Week Succumbs to Injury.

Marion Thorp, young son of Mr. W. L. Thorp, who was accidentally shot by Roscoe Robinson Wednesday of last week, died yesterday morning at 7:50 o'clock in James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he had been since the accident. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the residence, No. 416 Castle street, and interment will be in Bellvue cemetery.

The distressing affair of the shooting occurred at Sunset Park. Young Thorp and his companion had been hunting, carrying single barrel shot guns. As they were returning, they proposed to engage in a little play. Robinson is said to have suggested that they "play drunk," and Thorp agreed, breaking down his gun and taking out the load, thinking his companion did the same, but, according to the story told of it, Robinson failed to remove the cartridge from his gun, and, as Thorp went off, "playing drunk," and the "officer" aimed his gun at him, the weapon was discharged. The ambulance was summoned, and the wounded lad hurried to the hospital, where death ensued yesterday. Both boys were about 15 years of age.

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Chief of Police Williams Has a Sermon on Masculine Humanity.

Chief of Police Williams, on a Sunday afternoon like yesterday's was, is inclined to indulge in a sermon, or perhaps "sermonette" would be better. Sometimes his texts have origins that cannot be designated by verse and chapter number, and so it was yesterday. There was a number, it is true, connected with the text, but it cannot be given. Nevertheless, he preached a very vigorous sermon to a Star man who dropped into his office at headquarters—and others. It was drawn from a policeman's knowledge of human nature and concerned the masculine persuasion.

"Man is the lowest down animal in the world," announced the officer. "Compared with woman, he is decidedly a lower animal. It is the great tragedy of human life that a woman marries him. Picture what a sacrifice she makes! See how all her personal pleasures are sunk in the matrimonial state! look how she stresses every little feature of the married life—and then view for a moment how unconcernedly a man flips away the most sacred obligations connected with the home. Why, I have seen women come in here and abase themselves to the dust, in behalf of some low down man who had gotten in trouble by reason of his failure to keep faith with his wife; and have seen her get him out and on top of her sacrifice, I have afterward seen him guilty of the vilest infidelity to the woman who had saved his skin. I tell you what's a fact, even if a woman gets a man who provides every comfort and does his whole duty—which isn't the case in 100 marriages in a thousand—a woman is the big loser in the game. And then when you think of the great majority of women who draw blanks in the marriage lottery, and whose whole lives are serial stories in suffering, why it furnishes plenty of material for amazement to think that any woman would marry a man.

"I know men who walk the streets with their heads up in the air, like conquering heroes, as if they owned the world and were only debating who they were going to let stay on it with them, who in their home life are the veriest animals—selfish, leaving the solemnest duties to chaste objects made desirable by their vain imaginings, letting the wife do a roustabout's work while they sit up in a church and look like they never did a wrong thing in their lives. Compared with a woman, a man is a great big beast, and you can search me for any reason why any woman should want to marry and make such a sacrifice as most of them who marry do."

And there was a whole lot more of the same, only more so. It is given for a policeman's estimate of a subject which every policeman in the course of his work knows a good deal about. And it was a very good sermon, from a blockade preacher to a very few pews occupied by no very worthy specimens of the subject under consideration.

CLOUDY WEATHER TODAY SAYS WEATHER MAN.

Wilmington Has Another Rainy Sunday—Fair Tomorrow.

Wilmington had another rainy Sunday yesterday, only it was a little worse than usual. It began to fall in a fine mist Saturday night and the temperature being below freezing, the ground and pavements were covered with a thin sheet of ice. It was not an easy matter for pedestrians to travel yesterday morning and those who stayed away from church certainly had good reason for doing so.

At 8 o'clock yesterday morning the government thermometer registered 26 degrees but the temperature began rising early in the day and by noon the ice had disappeared. Then it was that frozen pipes began to thaw also and there are many jobs waiting for the plumber today.

The Weather Man while falling down on his prediction that it would be fair yesterday, made good on his forecast of a rise in temperature as the thermometer registered 34 degrees last night, or seven degrees higher than the same hour on the previous night.

Observer Felger took back what he had to say about today being fair and the weather forecast last night was for cloudy weather today. However, a bright, fair day is promised for tomorrow, the first in nearly a week.

MRS. H. W. LANCASTER DEAD

Funeral From Immanuel Presbyterian Church This Afternoon

Friends will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Rosa Lancaster, wife of Mr. H. W. Lancaster, who died at the James Walker Memorial Hospital yesterday morning at 12:30 o'clock. She had been seriously ill for several months. She was 45 years old. Surviving besides her husband are one son, Mr. E. J. Fox, of this city, her father, Mr. L. S. Minore, and a brother, Mr. Clarence Minore, both of Galeton, Pa.

The funeral wil be conducted from Immanuel Presbyterian church, of which she was a devoted and faithful member, by Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor. The interment will be in Bellevue cemetery.

The pallbearers will be: Messrs. J. S. Singletary, Joe Hale, William Wylie, Edward Register, Henry Barth and George Barth.

Services at Castle Heights.

Rev. T. C. Ellers conducted services at Castle Heights Methodist church last night. He will continue to preach at this church on each Sunday night. Mr. Marvin T. Cowell is superintendent of the Sunday school.

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Messrs. Guthrie Williamson and Adolph Oltersen leave this morning for Bowden, N. C., to visit relatives.

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Miss Madeleine DeRosset, who spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Peschau, in Atlanta, has returned to the city.

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Mrs. Roger Moore leaves this morning for Greenville, S. C., to be with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Mills, for the coming six weeks.

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Lincolnton correspondence: "Mrs. Annie Hoke left Thursday for Wilmington to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. John Hall."

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Among the Wilmington people who have been spending a part of the holidays in New York are Messrs. E. J. Jones and L. D. Patten.

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Miss Julia Sessler, who spent some time here with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Kosch, on North Fourth street, left last night for her home in New York City.

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Mrs. Arthur Van Buren, since the death of her husband, will make her home in the Carolina Apartments, going there yesterday after the funeral of Mr. Van Buren.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Miss Miriam Parker will leave Tuesday for Wilmington to spend the remainder of the week visiting friends. Miss Parker will be a guest at several house parties."

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An informal subscription dance by members of the Cape Fear Country Club was enjoyed Saturday night at the club house and quite a number of couples participated.

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Yesterday's Charlotte News: "Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brown McKoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Laxton have returned from Morganton. They spent Christmas with Mrs. George Phifer Erwin, mother of Mrs. Laxton and Mrs. McKoy."

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Fayetteville correspondence: "Mrs. M. M. McKay arrived this afternoon from her home in Lillington, spending the day with her niece, Mrs. E. L. Pemberton. Mrs. McKay goes to Wilmington, where she will be the guest during Christmas of Miss F. R. Williams."

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The Sigma Nu Fraternity dance will be held Thursday night at the Carolina Yacht Club at Wrightsville Beach. This annual affair is being looked forward to with pleasure. Members of other fraternities will be guests, as usual, of the Alumni Chapter of the Sigma Nu.

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New York correspondence Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. Edward J. Hanson, of Wilmington, is spending a few days on pleasure in New York with his brother, the Rev. H. W. J. Hanson, of Harrisburg, Pa., formerly of Wilmington. They arrived at the Park Avenue Hotel on Monday."

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Miss P. M. Davis and Mr. Samuel W. Lewis were married Friday evening at Castle Heights Methodist church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Fifth Street Methodist church. The vows were said just before the Christmas tree exercises were held by the Sunday school, Mrs. Lewis being a teacher of one of the classes.

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Charlotte Observer, Sunday: "Misses Bessie and Florence Burkheimer will leave tomorrow morning for Asheboro to give a recital for the benefit of the Daughters of the Confederacy. They have been invited by Miss May McAllister, president of the organization. From Asheboro they will return to Washington to give a second performance of "The Girl Who Dared". Later they will go to Richmond, Va."

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New York correspondence Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, of Wilmington, N. C., and New York, have a new grandchild, a girl, who was presented to them on Monday by their daughter, Mrs. John Russell Pope. Mr. and Mrs. Jones and their son, Pembroke, Jr., have gone to Wilmington for the holidays and will as usual entertain a large house party with them over Christmas."

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Miss Florrie Northrop, of Wilmington, will arrive in the city tomorrow night to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Harris, at their home on North Church street. The wedding of Miss Northrop and Mr. James Harris, which will take place in April, will be one of the most brilliant events of the spring. Miss Northrop is one of Wilmington's most charming and popular young women. Her visit to this city is being anticipated with keen interest. Mr. Harris, who spent Christmas in Wilmington, will also arrive tomorrow night."

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The following announcement has been received in the city:

Mrs. N. M. Culbreth
announces the marriage of her daughter
Rebekah Hutchings
to
Mr. Hyman Harry Anderson
on Wednesday, December the twenty-first
nineteen hundred and fourteen
Lumberton, North Carolina
At Home
after January the first
Fair Bluff, North Carolina.

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LAMONT-COCKRELL WEDDING SOLEMNIZED WEDNESDAY.

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 27.—Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cockrell, their daughter, Miss Estell, and Mr. Ronald Lamont, were married, Rev. A. G. Harris, the Presbyterian minister, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Lamont left soon after the ceremony for Wilmington, visiting and sightseeing.——Mr. and Mrs. George Dail have returned from their wedding trip and are making their home at Mrs. J. B. Cherry's for the present. Mr. Dail was right sick while away, in fact, was sick at the time of the marriage, that really being the reason for their marriage in this city instead of at the home of the bride.

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CHRISTMAS SOCIETY DOINGS AT WARSAW.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 27.—The ladies of the Baptist church gave a Bazaar on Saturday. Each of the members made and donated various articles of dainty fancy work, which were sold, and oysters in delectable styles were served. A very neat amount was received, and will be used in paying for work which has been done in the church of this denomination.——At their beautiful home on Hill street, Mrs. F. L. Faison, and her sister, Miss Anine Ross Williams, were hostess to the James Kenan chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The spacious hall, living room and library were artistically decorated with holly, thus radiating Yuletide cheer and suggesting to each of the guests home scenes of ante-bellum days. Mrs. W. L. Hill read a report of the meeting of the General Convention in Savannah. Mrs. Charles Carroll read a paper describing the various costumes worn by the Daughters at the various receptions given them in Savannah.——Mrs. H. F. Pierce read a paper on "King Cotton", written by Miss Mildred Lewis Weatherford, of Georgia, who was historian general of the Convention. Dainty refreshments consisting of frozen syllabub and angel cake were served by the clever hostess. Misses Lou Mitchell Faison and Helen Fonville dispensed red and green mints——Monday evening the young people of Rose Hill were royally entertained by Mrs. I. C. Scott in honor of the birthday of her daughter, Miss Goldie. Various games and contests were enjoyed during the evening, and the renditions at the piano by Miss Scott was one of the features. The hostess served a delightful course of refreshments, after which the guests were conducted to the gift room. Then a short while longer was spent in different games, and each guest left, regretting that the evening had passed so quickly.——A number of the boys and girls who have been attending the schools and colleges during the fall terms, are home for the holidays. Among these are Miss Anna Lee Best, Meredith; Dudley and John B. Hill, John Fonville, Henry Stevens and Frank Quinn, University of North Carolina; Lee Carlton, Lonnie Williams, Jennings Williams, Leon Woodward, Carlyle Powell, Wake Forest; Gordon Middleton, Woody Kennedy, Robert Barden and W. P. Kennedy, A. & M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. D. Johnson, of Warsaw, was registered at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. C. M. Beasley, of Kinston, spent yesterday here, a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. D. Y. Ridenhour, of Clio, S. C., was registered yesterday at Hotel Wilmington.

—Mr. E. L. Gilmer, of Brunswick county, was a guest last night at Hotel Wilmington.

—Mr. H. M. Brooks, of Mt. Olive, was in the city last evening, a guest at the Imperial Hotel.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Christmas Tree at Parish House of Church of Good Shepherd.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Sunday school of the Church of the Good Shepherd was given in the Parish house Saturday evening from 5 to 7 o'clock. In spite of the inclement weather there was a large attendance, the auditorium being filled to its full capacity. The singing of carols by the members of the Sunday school was a delightful feature. There was a beautiful Christmas tree, prettily decorated and richly laden with gifts for all.

Mr. Ernest Irving, the popular superintendent, had charge of the exercises and was assisted by Rev. T. P. Noe. The names of those who have not missed a single Sunday during the year were read and were given suitable gifts. There were a half dozen of the the faithful ones.

Watch Night Serivces.

There will be no prayer meeting at Grace Methodist church Wednesday night but Thursday night, the last night of the old year, there will be an interesting watch night service from 11 to 12 o'clock, and a part of the programme will be given over to a love feast. All members of the church who can attend will be cordially welcomed.

STRENGTH OF VICE SYSTEM IN KINSTON HAS BEEN BROKEN.

Judge Daniels Has Accomplished More Than Any Other Person.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 26.—Judge Frank A. Daniels, who leaves this judicial district in January, not to return, under the present rule of rotation of Superior court judges, in 10 years unless by exchange or special order, leaves behind him a big record in Kinston, at least. When he opened his first court here this fall Judge Daniels announced his antagonism to the system of vice segregation which has prevailed here for years, and since has accomplished more toward its abolishment than any other individual.

Notorious proprietresses of houses which were operated on a more elaborate scale and more gaudily equipped than any others in North Carolina perhaps, have been banished from the State by his order, and a generous following has been set the example by the judge to finish up the work which he has not had the time in his short jurisdiction here to complete. The segregated district, on Shine and South streets in South Kinston, is an institution of long standing, although under strict regulation by the local administrations of recent years.

A remarkable effort was made to publicly humiliate prominent men who gave Judge Daniels open support against the element backing the powers of the vice district. It was stopped by the refusal of the solicitor to draw a bill against a proprietress singled out, against whom the prominent citizens were asked to be called as witnesses. The subjects of the intrigue were leaders in church and social life. The strength of the vice system has been broken in Kinston, and there are many who predict that the deeply sown seed of Judge Daniels' efforts will result in the eradication of the evil within another six months.

NO "HARD TIMES" IN NEWBERN IS REPORT.

More Money in Circulation During December Than Last Season.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—There are no "hard times" in Newbern. This is a fact that is undisputed and as much as the pessimist may rave, there is ample evidence at hand to prove that there has been more money in circulation in Newbern and Craven county during the past four weeks than there was during the some period last year. The farmers who had cotton have in many cases disposed of this and have put the money in circulation. Others have stored their cotton and secured warehouse receipts for it and used these as collateral. In addition to this, thousands of dollars have been paid out for tobacco and this money has not been hoarded. The leading merchants of Newbern claim to have had the largest holiday business in many years and there is a general feeling of optimism prevailing all over the county.

TRUSTEES' SALE

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Singer Organizes "Spare a Sweater" Society to Aid Shivering War Sufferers

EDMUND BURKE,
Irish Baritone Whose Novel Idea Has Led to a Country-Wide Response

THE "S. A. S."—the Spare a Sweater Society—is the name of a unique organization formed by Edmund Burke, the Irish baritone, to alleviate the winter suffering of victims of the European war. Mr. Burke, who was heard in this country last year with Mme. Melba and Jan Kubelik, conceived the idea of utilizing his American concert tour this season to collect sweaters to be forwarded to the Red Cross society for distribution where most needed. The plan was evolved by the singer after witnessing the suffering among the French peasantry during the first weeks of the war—suffering that is bound to increase as winter progresses. Mr. Burke was one of the few foreigners who remained in Paris, and, being adventuresome, he managed to make a trip to the scene of hostilities and to secure some remarkable photographs. More remarkable still, he returned safely to Paris with pictures and camera intact.

"There is no wool and no heavy clothing over there," explains Mr. Burke, "and the poor fellows are going to suffer terribly. My plan, which already is bearing fruit, is that contributions of cast off sweaters be sent to the hall wherever I am to sing, and I will have them forwarded. Persons in other cities may ship their sweaters direct to my concert manager, Loudon Charlton, Carnegie hall, New York."

THEATRICAL

Just as it carefully and extensively prepared for Christmas week, so the New Grand theatre has arranged for New Year's week and will this afternoon inaugurate what is going to be the biggest, brightest and most up-to-the-second holiday week in the way of amusement, the Wilmington public has ever known. And bear this in mind, if you please: The New Grand is always as warm as the proverbial toast on the coldest days. It is steam heated and the lobby and entrances are so arranged that the cold air does not sweep in every time a door is opened, and yet the theatre, by a perfect system, is freely ventilated. Thus the New Grand can well boast of being able to defy the coldest days and amusement-goers can be assured of solid comfort while watching the biggest and best show in Wilmington. The New Grand has a big holiday show for every day this week, while midweek (Wednesday) will be presented a great double bill, including the 13th episode of "The Million Dollar Mystery," and on New Year's Day the headliner will be the sensational dramatic triumph, "The Temple of Moloch," which bears the stamp of approval of the National Red Cross Association and which will be presented in Wilmington with the especial endorsement of the Wilmington branch of this noble organization, that is doing so much for humanity. Every Wilmingtonian should behold this great film.

But today's swell show: It will consist of six great films and all for 5 cents admission. Think of that. Less than a cent a film, to say nothing of the theatre's many other features and its comfort. While there will be some gripping dramatics today, notably the "Dickerson's Diamonds," which is a thrilling detective story and the Vitagraph's wonderful success, "The Level," in which charming Myrtle Gonzales appears in the stellar role, the show will be exceedingly strong for fun. The great Essanay scream picture, "A Horse on Sophie", with the noted comedian, "Slippery Slim", is the leader. Then there will be two rousing Edison comedies, "The Tail of a Coat" and "The Daddy of Them All," and in the cast of the latter will appear those clever comedy folks, Mabel Paige, J. J. Murphy, H. Tracy and Eva Bell. To climax the entire wonderful show will come "An Arcadian Maid," the prettiest Biograph that has ever graced a screen.

Mammoth Bill at the Bijou.

'Tis indeed a feast of good things to be set before amusement lovers at "Wilmington's Cozy Corner" on this day that promises to be everything but pleasant on the outside. But once inside the Bijou everything is joyful and solid comfort and genuine enjoyment reign supreme at this most popular of all Wilmington's amusement centers. This was aptly demonstrated on Friday and Saturday, when capacity crowds thronged the Bijou, while the elements did everything disagreeable that could possibly be thought of on the outside.

Today's big bill is headed by that great two-reel Victor drama, "The Little Grey Home," in which Rosemary Theby and Harry Myers carry off all honors in the leading roles. It's a thrilling and stirring story of professional and domestic life of a playwright, an actress, a club woman and a good little wife. The actress comes into the happy home of the handsome playwright, and for a time threatens to disrupt the contentment of the "little gray home," but right wins in the end, and this is the basis for one of the greatest human interest dramas of the age in two full reels of touching and thrilling photoplay.

A notable Mutual offering on today's bill is "The Tough of a Little Hand," a drama with the strongest of human interest elements that must appeal strongly to everyone. It features Riley Chamberlain, Boyd Marshall, Mayme Hall, Marie Rainford and Maurice Stewart, and is one of the greatest single reel subjects you have seen in quite a while.

A rousing Nestor comedy, "The Ups and Downs," features that popular trio, Victoria Forde, Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran, and is a scream from beginning to end.

The fifth big reel on today is a mammoth Keystone comedy scream, "Stout Heart, But Weak Knees," and is one of the most irresistible laugh vehicles of the year, in a full reel.

More Chickens Stolen.

Saturday night, December 19th, a thief visited the stables of the Coca Cola Bottling Works at Campbell and Wooster streets and stole nine Rhode Island Reds from a flock of 27 chickens and two guineas, all belonging to Mr. Geo. H. Hutaff, manager of the bottling works. Last Saturday night a return visit was made and this time nine white leghorns were eliminated, leaving nine brown leghorns and the two guineas. Mr. Hutaff hopes they will tackle the guinea fowls next and give the chickens a rest.

Operation for Appendicitis.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Walter C. Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bennett, of Winnabow, was operated upon for appendicitis at Harper's Sanitarium, and the encouraging news from him last evening was that he was getting along all right.

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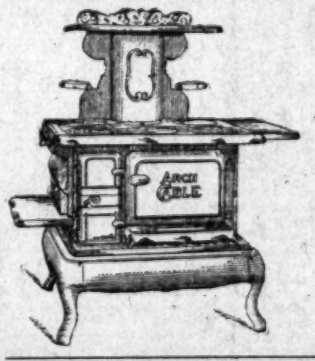

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

REVIEW OF LOCAL MARKETS

Different Markets Open Only Four Days Out of Week Because of Christmas Holidays.

With only four days of business during the past week the local markets made a fairly good showing in comparison to former weeks of the present season and the same week last year. One cargo of cotton has been shipped during the seven days just past and receipts of both cotton and naval stores have equalled expectations.

In the cotton market things are looking brighter. With receipts totaling over 7,000 bales against nearly 9,000 bales for the same four days last year, the market is evidently picking up and getting back to its natural position regardless of the stagnation of the former part of the season when comparative figures show this year's receipts vastly smaller than for the same periods of last year. Monday's receipts were the heaviest recorded for the four days of business, being 2,594 bales. The sum total receipts for the week 7,368 bales while for the same four days last year the sum total amounted to 8,912 bales. Cotton on hand in Wilmington amounts to 42,430 bales.

The price of cotton has increased slightly during the week, opening Monday on a steady seven cent basis and closing on Thursday afternon one-eighth of a cent higher. The advance was made Tuesday which made the purchasing price of cotton on the market here for three out of four days of last week seven and an eighth cents. This price compares very favorably with the prices being paid at other ports while it is generally better than those of the interior towns.

The Italian steamer Alcana cleared and sailed Monday with a cargo of 41,900 bales for a port in Europe and was valued in the neighborhood of $400,000. Several cargoes and part cargoes have been shipped from here recently for Europe while quite a number of part cargoes have gone to New York and Baltimore by the Clyde Line and Baltimore-Carolina steamship line, respectively.

The Southern port movement of cotton shows a goodly increase for the week and the figures are encouraging to traders and growers alike. The total receipts for the week in all Southern ports 367,443 bales and exports amounted to 262,664 bales. The figures for the season are, receipts 4,277,696 with exports of 2,302,051 bales.

Conditions of the naval stores market is rather hard to judge from the receipts and prices quoted during the recent week because of the demoralization resulting from the Christmas holidays. Receipts have been comparatively light compared with other weeks of this year while they greatly exceed those of the same week last year. Spirits of turpentine receipts for last week were 5 casks as against 26 casks for the same time last year; rosin receipts totaled 78 barrels as against 72 last year; tar totaled 1,232 barrels as against 406 last season, and crude turpentine receipts reached 148 barrels as against 58 last year. Spirits of turpentine was quoted nominal on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, while 42 cents was the prevailing price on Thursday. The tone quoted was steady; last year's price ranged around 41, 41 1-4 and 41 1-2 cents. Rosin was quoted nominal Monday and Tuesday with a price of $3.00 for small and $3.15 for large on the other two days; last year's price was $3.45 and steady for the week. Tar is quoted firm this year and the price of $2.00 per barrel and 3 1-2 cents per gallon prevailed during the entire week. Crude Turpentine has been quoted firm for several weeks at $3.25 per barrel for soft, $3.25 per barrel for virgin, and $2.25 per barrel for hard. Last year's prices were $3.00, $3.00 and $2.00 for the three grades listed above.

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List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Hermia (Br.), 1,305 tons, Leslie, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Newstead (Br.), 1,827 tons, Willett, Henry Whyte.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,239 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. William Thomas Moore, 263 tons, Jones, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 85@95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, stronger; new crop, fancy, hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 70c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 30c.; No. 1, machine picked, 60c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—Cotton—Middling — Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6 3-4; Charlotte, 7 1-4; Norfolk, 7 1-4.

For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club. Phone 110. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

COTTON SITUATION

Conditions Continue to Mend Says Financial Expert from New York

New York, Dec. 26.—The Census Bureau's seventh ginning report of the season was published on Tuesday. It indicated ginnings to December 13 of 13,977,189 bales, a new high record. Ginnings, however, for the period from December 1 to December 13 this year were 911,000 bales, slightly less than in the big crop year of 1911 when they amounted to 954,000 bales.

The report had very little market effect for the obvious reason that this year's supply has for some time now been a known quantity and in market influence will hereafter play a secondary part to conditions as they develop affecting next year's supply. The week has witnessed the heaviest foreign buying that has been seen since business was resumed on the Exchange.

German orders predominate, and houses with Bremen connections have accumulated large lines. There is very reason to expect that this buying will continue for some tome to come. It will be recalled that in 1911 when cotton was selling around 8 1-2 cents, under the weight of a record breaking crop for that year, it was German purchases that first checked the decline. On that buying movement Germany took about 2,000,000 bales. There is no question from recent developments that the German bargain hunter is in the market again, he is apparently confident that whatever the outcome of the war may be, German industrial enterprise will not be destroyed. Aside from this, however, it is noted that the stocks of other European countries are now the smallest on any corresponding date in years, and this added to the fact that most of the obstacles to exports are removed and that the foreign demand for cotton is growing at a time when it should be slackening, should before long result in a statistical position which, considering the price level can no longer be construed as unfavorable to values. In addition to the export development the most important consideration is the conditions surrounding and leading up to next year's acreage curtailment.

A convention of Commissioners of Agriculture of the Southern States was recently held at Atlanta. J. D. Price, Commissioner for Georgia, says: "I talked with each one of the Commissioners and asked them to give me conservative estimates regarding reduced acreage. I am inclined to think from what the ytold me that the reduction will come nearer to 50 per cent. than 40 per cent. as previously estimated. It is not a question of what the farmers want to do, but what they have got to do." Judge Kone, the Texas Commissioner, confirms this by stating that it is his belief that the cotton crop in his State wil be cut fully 40 per cent. Cotton acreage reduction is unquestionably essential to the prosperity of the South and it is reasonable to suppose, with all the publicity given, that planters have come to a realization of this fact and will act accordingly. The situation as a whole, basically and speculatively considered appears to be stronger now than at any time since business was resumed on the Exchange. There is a growing realization that the very low current prices discount the unfavorable factors in the situation, while, on the other hand, increasing exports and the probability of a small crop next year are of sufficient constructive force to eventually carry prices to a higher level. Doubtless there may be some hesitation after the recent recovery in prices, and probably moderate reactions from time to time, but everything considered it is reasonable to expect that before long the upward trend will be resumed.

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FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Thursday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 25c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

HIS VISITOR WAS SHAGGY.

Disconcerted the Tired Business Man, Whose Window Was Open.

(New York Times.)

A tired business man from out of town entertained a party at supper on Thanksgiving eve in one of the Broadway restaurants, and he was still more tired when he awoke late yesterday in his room at the Waldorf. A dull light came in from the court upon which his window gave, and it served to increase his feeling of lassitude. Perhaps, he reflected, a sedative would help some.

So he got up and groped his way into the bathroom, found the battle with the medicine in it, and returned to where the ice water was. While he was in the act of measuring the dose, a dark object intruded itself between the outside world and him. He stared at it. It was shaggy. He let out a whoop.

Dropping the bottle and glass he sprang to the telephone. A friendly little whine was somewhat reassuring, but his nerves were unstrung. Therefore it was that a moment later the clerk in the office downstairs was getting this message from the clerk of that floor:

"The gentleman in 399 says he wants somebody to hurry and get out of his room an animal that has suddenly appeared in it. He says it is shaggy and has four legs, and whines like a dog, and—

"Yes," after a pause, "he says it is a dog. But he wants some one to hurry up and get it out."

It turned out that the room the tired man occupied has its sill almost on a level with the roof of the palm garden, and that the woman who owns the dog had a room on the same level. Doggie slipped out of her window for a promenade, and finding the man's window open, dropped in to pay a call.

DULLEST IN NEARLY A DECADE

Christmas Week Will Thus Go Down in Wall Street History—Heavy Decline in Prices of Stocks.

New York, December 27. — Christmas week will go down in Wall street history as the dullest in almost a decade. The margin over established prices of stocks was much impaired by light dealings. Before the end of the week bids were frequently lacking for some of the more active issues at the prices permitted by the Stock Exchange authorities. General considerations of earning power and valuation seemed to be the active factors.

Large decrease in traffic and material reduction in revenue was the explanation offered the Pennsylvania Company for its drastic dividend cut. Concern was expressed respecting future disbursements by other high class railroads.

Pressure of money did not figure in the decline in prices. Interest rates are steadily receding, bank reserves are accumulating to a degree almost unparalleled and Federal Reserve re-discounts are diminishing. Foreign exchange fell to well below par, while returns from principal customs districts show that expansion of the favorable trade balance progresses.

Rates for war insurance aroused some fears of involvement of additional powers. Fresh market burdens may be incurred in the reopening of the London stock exchange on January 4th, although the rules which are to accompany that event make for cautious and circumscribed operations.

The public attitude toward the rate increase afforded encouragement and movements to secure passenger rate advances from various state authorities were revived.

The Federal Court's decision against the government's Lehigh Valley anti-trust suit partially offset the effect of the Pennsylvania state commission's reduction of Philadelphia rates on anthracite. Equipment shares derived some direct benefit from the rate increase, with a better general outlook for that industry.

Much gratification was felt with the United States Steel Corporation's decision against a general reduction in the wage schedule. A cut in price of copper redounded to the immediate disadvantage of all the metal shares. Central Leather's increased dividend illustrated the variation in different industries. According to trade authorities, seasonable weather over a large section of the country imparted a more favorable tone to general business.

$500.00 OFFERED FOR "MADE IN U. S. A." TRADEMARK.

Recognizing the opportunity for American industries firmly to establish American made goods in all the foreign markets and to compete the fetish of imported goods which has so long held sway in the United States itself, and desiring to focus the movement which is already well under way to label all American made goods as "Made in the U. S. A.," the Detroit Board of Commerce has offered a prize of $500 for the best "Made in the U. S. A." trademark.

Because many cities such as Grand Rapids, Mich., which is famous for its furniture, Troy, N. Y., which is famous for its collars, and other cities similarly noted for certain products may desire to use the name of the city in connection with such a trademark, the prize of $500 is offered for a "Made in Detroit, U. S. A.", trade mark.

The rules of the contest state specifically, however, that the trademark must be rational in its character, but that space must be provided for the name of any city. There will be nothing local about the accepted trademark. It must, however, be so spaced as to provide for the use of the city name when a manufacturer or an industry so desires.

Full information on the contest and rules are being sent to leading artists and designers all over the United States through the newspapers, national magazines, trade journals, art publications, etc. The contest is being brought before all who may care to submit trademark designs.

At completion of the contest the Detroit Board of Commerce will offer the design chosen to the manufacturers of the United States, other Boards of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce, and similar organizations. The Detroit Board of Commerce will present this trade mark for gratuitous use, in the hope that its general adoption may result in the labeling of all American made goods with a standard trade mark so that America and all the people of the world who buy in American markets, may recognize the goods they use as made in the United States of America.

"We see in this contest a means of gaining a wide spread support to the movement of American goods for American people," said Mr. Charles B. Warren, president of the Detroit Board of Commerce.

"Our purpose is not simply to label American made goods and to show the people of the world and our own people that American manufacturers are proud of the goods they make. At this time, when the war in Europe has cut down our imports of foreign goods and when our own manufacturers are distributing American made goods to all parts of the world in larger quantities than ever before, American industries have the greatest opportunity to build up an industrial prestige for the United States. It has seemed to the Detroit Board of Commerce that this prestige can best be gained through the universal use on American made goods of the "Made in U. S. A."

"We have felt that the movements in this direction which have already been started lack organization. Nothing really definite has been done. True, some "Made in U. S. A." organizations have been started. Some individuals and a number of publications have given impetus to movement. But we can never secure the proper marking of American made goods without a trade mark, and the Detroit Board of Commerce is to initiate the movement in this direction.

"One of the greatest things we hope to accomplish by trademarking American goods is to convince American buyers that the goods we build in the United States are equal in quality with those which we have been importing in the past. I do not think there is an American manufacturer who will admit that he cannot build all of the necessities and most of the luxuries of life quite as well as the best European manufacturers. There has always been in the United States something of a mania for imported goods.

"I do not believe that mere labelling of our products or that patriotic fervor will ever sell goods which are shoddy. Quality must always count in the long run. But if we do build quality products there is no reason why they should not sell alongside imported goods. The mere fact that an article is imported is not necessarily an indication of superiority in the product.

"It is an actual fact that the United States manufactures many things in every way superior to the same product made abroad. But here in the United States we have been buying goods simply because they were imported. We have been hypnotized by the idea that a thing made in Europe is better than the same thing made in the United States. The European was has forced us to an awakening. The opportunity is before us. We have only to take advantage of it by capitalizing the fact that the goods we use are made in the United States of America."

This is the big thing that the Detroit Board of Commerce hopes to accomplish by giving the people of the United States a "Made in U. S. A." trade-mark.

The vast possibilities of such a national trademark for American made goods are at once apparent. In offering a "Made in U. S. A." trade-mark to the American people, the Detroit Board of Commerce hopes to see the adoption of this trademark for all kinds of goods, and in all American advertising.

The trade-mark which will be selected in this contest which has been started in Detroit, will not be copyrighted, and will have no royalities attached to it. It is free to the American people. A gift from a patriotic civic organization in Detroit to everyone who is interested in promoting America's prosperity.

LOST FIVE DAYS IN DESERT

Radium Ore Prospector Lives on One Can of Milk for Nearly Week

Denver (Colo) Dispatch to the New York Sun

Famishing, crawling on his hands and knees like an animal, and close to madness, Samuel H. Baker, a prominent Denver attorney, has arrived at Thompson, Utah, after having been lost for five days in the Utah desert.

He had been without food or water, and his only sustenance came from a small can of milk which he had put in his pocket when he started out.

Baker and M. J. Gill, of Denver, had gone to Salt Valley, 22 miles southeast of Thompson, to inspect some radium properties. Baker, provided only with a light lunch, hired a horse and cart, and set out alone across the desert. He reached a sheep camp, and turned the horse out to graze. The animal returned to Thompson.

The next morning Baker, failing to find his horse, started out on foot in search of the animal. He reached his uronium claims but continued his search for the animal, became hopelessly lost.

KILLS 3 BEARS; MISSES FOURTH

Champion Pennsylvania Hunter Meets a "Herd" on Mountainside

Kane (Pa.) Dispatch to the Philadelphia Record.

Jesse English, of Kinzuia, is the champion bear hunter of this region for the season of 1914 while English was hunting near the mouth of Brown Run, he discovered four bears coming down the side of the mountain within 500 feet of him.

English dropped the largest of the four with one shot. As he fell the three others stood gazing at their wounded mate. English quickly opened fire and shot two more. When English reached the scene he found two of the bears dead, while another shot at close range killed the third, which had been badly wounded by the first shot.

The largest of the bears weighed 280 pounds, while the other two, which were much smaller, weighed 170 pounds each.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 28, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 26 degrees; at 8 P. M., 34 degrees; maximum, 34 degrees; minimum, 24 degrees; mean, 29 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.94 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday 41 feet and rising.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Monday; Tuesday, fair, with rising temperature.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 28, 1914.

Sun rises ... ...7:17 A. M.
Sun sets ... ...5:11 P. M.
Day's length .. ..9 hrs. 59 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington . . .	6:58	7:13	1:38	2:21
Southport . . .	4:55	5:20	11:24	11:25
Masonboro Inl . .	4:44	5:09	11:14	11:05

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 27, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene. . .	cldy	46	—	.0
Asheville . .	clear	42	18	.0
Atlanta . . .	cldy	40	26	.0
Augusta . . .	cldy	40	24	.0
Birmingh. . .	cldy	48	34	.0
Boston . . .	clear	24	—	.0
Charleston .	rain	34	28	.14
Charlotte . .	cldy	30	16	.0
Galveston . .	clear	52	46	.0
Jacksonv. . .	rain	38	34	.02
Memphis . .	clear	44	—	.0
Mobile. . . .	cldy	48	38	.0
Montgom'y .	rain	46	36	.0
New Orl. . .	cldy	52	40	.0
New York. .	clear	26	—	.0
Oklahoma . .	cldy	40	—	.0
Palestine . .	cldy	56	34	.0
Pittsburg . .	clear	32	—	.0
Raleigh. . .	cldy	28	16	.0
Savannah . .	cldy	34	28	.18
Shreveport. .	clear	52	—	.0
St. Louis . .	clear	34	—	.0
Washing'n . .	clear	28	—	.0

DIED AT CHILD'S FEET.

R. M. Rogers, of Wilson, Has Tragic Call to Great Beyond.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27. — H. M. Rogers died suddenly Saturday night of heart failure. Apparently in good health, Mr. Rogers left his store at 10 o'clock and walked home several blocks. Knocking at the front door, he was answered by his little daughter, and, to her inquiry, replied, "It's papa." The child opened the door, and Mr. Rogers fell across the threshold, dying without a word.

Seven children, with the wife, survive. The oldest son, Mr. Henry Rogers, now of Ohio, was married recently, and is spending the holidays with his parents on his wedding trip, and had expected to go on to Florida this week. The funeral service was held Sunday afternoon.

BIKE BREAKS LION'S SLEEP

Peeved Beast's Roars Arouse California Town's Slumbers

(Los Angeles Times)

The sleep of a lion was disturbed, a street was converted into a milky way, three motorcyclists were injured, and four vehicles damaged as the result of two accidents here last night.

Irwin van Osdoll and Mason Morris, both of this city, were riding on a motorcycle, tandem fashion, last night, when they crashed into an unlighted wagon of the Barnes circus, just leaving town, on Central avenue.

So vociferous were the protests of the lion in the cage of the wagon on being disturbed in its slumber that its roars attracted several score of persons from the neighborhood. They found the young motorsyclists stretched out, and to secure an ambulance John Galt, janitor at the Glendale Union High School, leaped into the saddle of his motorbike and speeded to the police station. At Central Avenue and Seventh street he crashed into a darly wagon.

The motorcycle was wrecked and the wagon overturned spilling milk in all directions. Mr. Galt suffered lacerations of the hands and face.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of December, 1914.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. **$15.75**
On Sale December 16th to 25th, inclusive, and January 1st, limited returning Midnight January 6th, 1915.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA **$25.10**
On sale December 26, 27, 28, 1914; limited returning January 5th, 1915.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. **$22.30**
On sale December 25, 26, 27, 1914, limited returning January 7th, 1915.

HAVANA, CUBA **$47.05**
Via Tafpa and Key West, or via F. E. C. Ry. and Key West. Meals and berth on steamer included. On sale January 7th, limited returning January 25th, 1915.

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For schedules, reservations and any further information, call 'phone 160, or apply to **C. M. ACKER, Ticket Agent of the**

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6: A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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b—Sundays Only.
c—Superceded by half hour cars Sunday afternoons.
d—Goes through to Seagate; returning leaves Seagate at 3:00 P. M.
e—Leaves from Station No. 3.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE.

(Daily, except Sundays.)

Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 23, 1914. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 50. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 41. * 8:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 80. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. ‡ 6:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ‡ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:20 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ‡ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. ‡10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ‡ Daily except Sunday. ‡ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

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Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

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Limited Returning Before Midnight, January 18th.

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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 9, 1914.

Trains Leave Wilmington Daily as Follows:

No. 13—3:00 P. M.—For Local Stations, Lumberton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Charlotte and Intermediate Points, connecting at Hamlet for Richmond, Washington, New York, Atlanta, Jacksonville, and all points North and South.

Through Pullman sleeping car service between Wilmington and Atlanta.

No. 19—5:00 A. M.—Local train for Charlotte. Sleeper open at 10:00 P. M.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C. **$7.75**
On sale December 16 to 25th, 31st and January 1st, limited returning, Midnight, January 6th.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. **$5.90**
On sale February 14 and 15th, limited returning February 22nd.

PHILADELPHIA, PA **$22.30**
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HAVANA, CUBA... ... ...**$47.05**
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WILSON EXPERIENCES SOME SEVERE WEATHER

Rain Freezes on Streets—Numerous Accidents

Horses Fall on Streets and an Automobile Accident in Which Ladies Narrowly Escape Injury—Thirty Drunks, Etc.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 27.—The older inhabitants agree that two worse days have not come together than Friday and Saturday—pouring rain all day Friday and the severe blizzard Friday night and freezing hard the water on the ground, making streets icy and sidewalks dangerous. Saturday morning was featured with falling horses, an automobile accident, a fire and a big mayor's court.

Right at noon, Miss Harriet Tilghman, driving her big touring car with five young ladies in the car, attempted to turn at the corner of Nash and Tarboro streets and the car skidded, the wheel striking the curb. The wheel was crushed to splinters but fortunately no one was injured.

Fireworks piled in the store of the Ruffin-High Company became ignited from the cigar of a customer Friday morning and a free display followed, the quick action of the fire department saved the other stock from serious damage. For a few minutes the prospect for a big loss was imminent, several boxes of shells were burning and the frequent explosions made the work of the firemen dangerous.

In the mayor's court 30 Christmas offenders were up for trial, some were charged with drunkenness, others with discharging fireworks, the most serious case was that of Louis Rogers, charged with shooting at his stepdaughter. The shot missed the girl. Rogers was sent to the county roads for 12 months.

Local police officers are at Fayetteville looking for Joe Winningham, who is charged with the murder of Henry White, the shooting having occurred Thursday night when White was killed on the street, directly in front of the colored Baptist church.

James Allen, who shot Fenner Moore to death Thursday night was bound over to the grand jury Saturday. The verdict of the coroner's jury held Allen for the crime. Moore was a negro with a bad reputation, and the shooting followed a gambling game in which the stakes were 50 cents. Allen is a negro recently released from the Nash county chain gang.

Saturday a message was received here telling of an attempt to kill Mr. W. D. Camp at his store near Garysburg. Mr. Camp had closed his store Thursday night and was starting home with a shot bag containing $75 in silver when a young man, John Moody, it is alleged, shot at Mr. Camp but missed him. Moody was arrested Friday and is under bond. Mr. Camp states that Mood yleft the store just ahead of him and waited for him in the road.

Saturday, at noon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Miss Josephine Giddens, of Goldsboro, was married to Mr. W. D. Farrior, of Fayetteville. Miss Giddens is a sister of Mrs. Jones and a daughter of Mrs. L. D. Giddens, of Goldsboro. The marriage was very quiet on account of the sickness of the mother of the bride. Rev. T. W. Chambliss officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Farrior left immediately for Goldsboro, where they will spend several days with the mother of Mrs. Farrior and go later to Fayetteville for their home.

The inclement weather forced the abandonment of the exercises at the municipal Christmas tree, but the tree is lighted each evening this week.

KINSTON SEES PROSPERITY

Many Thousands of Dollars Spent There in New Buildings During Year Now Passing.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 27.—The year about to end has seen come construction work undertaken and completed here than any other year int he city's history. Between three-quarters and a million dollars worth of new buildings have been erected and are under construction now. These include a $35,000 theatre, a $50,000 school building, the new First Baptist church, which will cost complete around $50,000, the Universalist church of the Eternal Hope, the costliest of that denomination in the State, several residences valued at from $10,000 to $20,000, and scores of others. Despite the boom of 1915, the coming year promises to see even bigger expenditures.

Real estate transactions in the business section recently have been numerous, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been exchanged for dirt which has trebled in value within five years. The government will erect a $95,000 postoffice building, the State is apt to authorize the erection of new buildings needed at the School for Feeble-Minded near the city, the negro Baptists will build one of the most expensive edifices owned by the race in the South, quite a few business buildings are contemplated, and the number of new residences will be unprecedentedly large.

N. L. Williams, a deaf and dumb shoe maker, says a report from Washington, N. C., today, was attacked on a street there after dark by two masked negroes. Williams had a considerable sum of money on his person, and this the highwaymen are believed to have been aware of. The shoemaker, unable from his unfortunate voical deficiency to cry out, was cudgeled severely by the blacks until he grappled with one of them and secured the stick with which he had been beaten. Williams in turn used the club to advantage, beating off both assailants and school at Watha, some miles southeast finally putting them to rout.

W. S. Key, in charge of an industrial school at Watha, some miles southeast of here, conducted a religious service in the Union church at Pink Hill this morning which was attended by an audience from all over the county and a part of Duplin county. Mr. Key himself was the principal attraction, and the sermon which he preached on "Christmas and the War in Europe" was a close second. Key is a former war correspondent, having been employed by years for London papers in Europe and Africa.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS NOTES

Father of Newspaper Man Dead—No Sheriff Yet Made Complete Settlement of Taxes for This Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27.—A telegram from Mr. S. L. Rotter, of the Raleigh Evening Times' staff, from Baltimore, this morning, brought the news that his father died at the Rotter home there this morning, and that the remains will be taken to Petersburg tomorrow for burial there. Mr. Rotter had been called to Baltimore some days ago on account of ich serious illness of his father, and he was with his father when the end came.

Col. J. Bryan Grimes, secretary of state, has just gotten out for distribution to any citizens desiring them, a little folder of 30 pages, giving the official vote for United States senator, corporation commisioner, congressmen, solicitors and on the constitutional amendments in the November election. The folder also contains an official list of the members of the General Assembly to convene here January 6th, together with the politics of each member and his postoffice address.

While numbers of the sheriffs out in the counties are remitting state taxes to the state treasurer, in reply to his urgent calls for the settlement of state taxes, it is a fact that there is still not a single sheriff that has made a final settlement of taxes with the state treasurer for the year, whereas, in past years the settlements begin December 1, and by Christmas, usually, there are numbers of the sheriffs that have made their final settlements. The slow sale of cotton and the tight condition of finances, which is happily easing up considerably now, are given as the reasons for the delay in tax settlements this year.

The state department of health has procured as one of the principal speakers for the State Conference for Social Service, to be held in this city January 28, 29 and 30, Thomas Mott Osborne, the new warden of Sing Sing prison. There are prospects, also, of getting Secretary of State W. J. Bryan and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels on the program for special addresses. Mrs. Cora Stewart, of Kentucky, who started the famous "Kentucky Moonlight Schools," and has made such a reputation for social service work, has also accepted an invitation to deliver an address in connection with the Conference. It is announced that three things forward legislation for prison reform, child labor and "moonlight" schools.

The remains of J. P. Ryder, who was found dead in the city prison late last night, were sent today to Washington, D. C., where his mother, Mrs. Mary Ryder, and a sister reside, the interment to be made there. Ryder, who is a plasterer and a member of the National Plasterers' Union, was brought to the prison early in the evening Friday by a friend, who explained that he was very drunk and wanted to be taken care of until morning. He was placed in a cell by the turnkey, Ryder having every appearance of a very drunk man but all right in other respects. He was noticed to be resting quietly on his cot several times during the evening. Finally, about 11 o'clock last night, an officer noticed him stretched out with his legs on the floor and his elbows on the cot and his head buried in the pillow. Closer inspection revealed the fact that the man was dead. Physicians who were summoned stated that he died from the effects of the heavy drinking. He was about 50 years old.

In the Municipal Court today Judge Harris accepted the appeal bonds of J. B. Dudley, colored, president of the colored A. and M. College, and his three co-defendants, J. E. Dillinger, C. E. Amey and A. M. Revera, all prominent negro Masons, in the case in which the four were found guilty of criminal libel against officers of the Negro Grand Lodge of Masons, and sentenced to pay fines and costs. Since the convictions, the Negro Grand Lodge has held its annual meeting and re-elected the old officers instead of J. B. Dudley for Grand Master, and there is understood to be on foot a compromise settlement of the cases without appeal on the basis of the four defendants paying the costs in the cases that will put them out of court without further litigation, the four defendants insisting, and credit allowed for their insistence, that they intended no libel, and believed that they were well within their rights in the matter of criticism of the management of the Grand Lodge finances by the grand officers who were criticised in an open letter issued to Grand Lodge Masons.

NEGRO OF TWELVE SHOT BY NEGRO OF SIXTEEN

Tragedy Near Newbern—Christmas Tree Celebration Delayed by Weather.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New Bern, Dec. 27. — Al. Kenyon, 12 years of age, colored, was shot and almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon at Newport, Carteret county, by Levi Chapman, also colored, 16 years of age. The killing was done with a .32 calibre revolver, and the slayer claims that he did it in self-defense. However, this is a matter of speculation.

Both boys were at Chapman's home, and, according to the latter's version of the affair, the revolver was accidentally discharged, and the bullet entered Kenyon's heart. Shortly after the affair, Chapman was placed under arrest and carried to Beaufort, where he was placed in the county jail for safe keeping until the next term of Superior Court.

The fates seem to decree that no ceremonies shall be carried out around New Bern's Municipal Christmas Tree. Last year the tree was erected several days before Christmas, and on Christmas Day a storm came and put an end to the programme. This year the tree was erected in due time and it had been planned to have exercises around it on Christmas Eve and also on Christmas Day. A chorus of sixty children, the People's Concert Band and a number of well known vocalists had been secured to furnish the music, and singing, and all was in readiness on the day before Christmas, but the weather became inclement on that day and continued so until Saturday. This knocked all plans in the head, and the City Beautiful Club have given up all hope of holding the exercises. However, the tree will be allowed to remain standing until next Tuesday.

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BAILEY DENIES CHARGE IN THE BRIGGS AFFAIR

Did Not Use His Influence Against Raleigh Postmaster

Neither Collector Nor News and Observer or Democratic Influences Had to Do With Effort to Remove Briggs.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 27—Internal Revenue Collector J. W. Bailey said tonight that reports published from Washington to the effect that he and the News and Observer were behind the charges preferred with Postmaster General Hurleson against Postmaster Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, were absolutely false so far as he is concerned, and that his information is that the charges really originated in the Raleigh postoffice among postal service men working under Postmaster Briggs.

He says these are the real facts and that not only did the charges emanate from the postoffice, but that whatever political influences there may be backing them are Republican influences. He wants it understood that neither the Democratic party nor its leaders have had anything whatever to do with the charges. He believes that Democratic leaders will insist that he be not disturbed until his term expires in February.

GREENVILLE CHRISTMAS DREARY.

Rain, Sleet and Snow Make Citizens Keep Indoors—False Alarms of Fire.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 26.—It has been many years since Greenville saw such a cold rainy, dreary Christmas as yesterday. Greenville has been without desirable weather, like other sections, for some time and but holidays were the worst. Thursday began without any definite promise of any kind of weather, and after many different samples, a cold rain began falling slowly about noon and got no better that day, if not a little worse. The rain kept right on all night and all day Christmas and until near today, with a little hominy snow thrown in during the night, morning finding a nice little sleet that kept vehicles and people close indoors. The sun came out this morning, but could not stay out long, as the sky again clouded.

There was the usual firecracker racket, with a little added, but it was rather uphill in such weather. There were no serious troubles reported and altogether it was a good Christmas, though the mayor had several of the boys before him this morning for turning in three false fire alarms Thursday night. A number of other minor offenders were also before him.

The postoffice did a land office business the few days before Christmas. The offices dispatched about 159 sacks of parcel post matter the two days before and received a like amount. Extra wagons were called into requisition and the boys worked long, faithfully and late. Two delivery wagons were run all day yesterday, the carriers being unable to do the work. Several of the postoffice boys are on the go today delivering delayed packages.

Reports can not be had from express offices yet, but this section did a good part in reducing Virginia's stock of the cheerful waters.

As showing the possibilities for tree growth in regions where irrigation has to be depended upon, it is pointed out that Boise, Idaho, has as many as 94 different kinds of arnomental and shade trees.

GANNON FULTON IS BURIED

Youth Killed by Aged Man at Newbern—Latter in Jail Protests He Shot in Self-Defense.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Newbern, N. C., Dec. 27.—The funeral over the remains of Gannon Fulford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fulford and who was killed on New South Front street on Christmas eve by Jesse Creel, 60 years of age, was conducted yesterday afternoon and the body interned in Cedar Grove cemetery.

Creel, the aged man now being held who was placed in the county jail a short time after the killing, still sticks to the story first told by him to the effect that he committed the act in self defense. A newspaper man went to Creel's cell early yesterday morning and talked with him for a short time. The old man had had ample time to think over the crime and this had by no means improved his nervous condition. All during the conversation his body trembled as if he was extremely cold and his voice was shaky. Creel said that he did not know what would become of his daughter, Laura, who was with him when the crime occurred, but that she would probably remain in Newbern utnil after he had been placed on trial. The prisoner says that he has no money to employ a lawyer but that a gentleman (he did not know his name) who visited him on Christmas day, had assured him that good legal talent would be secured for him and that every effort would be made to clear him if he was innocent. When Chief of Police Lupton went to arrest Creel, he found him hiding in an out house near his home and on throwing open the door of this, he stared down the barrel of a shotgun. Creel, when asked if he intended shooting the officer, said that he did not realize what he was doing and that for the time being he did not even know he had the gun. However, there is a probability that, but for Chief Lupton's prompt action in tearing the gun from his hands, that there would have been another corpse to bury.

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 27.—The National convention of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association will open here Tuesday for a four day session. It is expected that 1,000 student leaders and faculty delegates, representing 200 colleges in every state in the Union will attend.

For information regarding our 19515 Christfas Savings Club, Phone 110, American National Bank. tf (Advertisement.)

QUITE DAY AT WARSAW

All Citizens Forced to Stay Indoors Because of Rain and Cold

(Special Star Correspondence)

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 27.—Christmas day pased here very quitely, every one being obliged to remain in doors, except those whom necessity compelled to go out, by the bad weather. Rain fell in torrents, and was accompanied by wind and cold. It was one of the worst days, experienced in years on this particular day, and the rural mail carriers say that it was the worst they have ever experienced on their routes.

Yesterday was the coldest day of the winter, everything being in the grip of ice and cold.

A Christmas tree, which all of the churches of the town united in giving, is the only entertainment of the Christmas season, that has yet been given.

While the only tragedy or accident that has occurred happened Saturday morning when Oscar Best shot Sam Fleming, in the leg with a shotgun, both colored, On Friday members of the two familes quarreled over some matter, and Saturday morning Fleming went to the home of Best, he was not hme n Friday when the quarrel occurred, and calling him names, it is alleged began shipping him, Best went int the house, and securing a shotgun fired on Fleming, it is stated empting the whole load of shot into Flemings leg.

Mr. N. C. Frederick, age about 50 years, a well known farmer of this section died at his home about four miles from town yesterday morning after suffering from paralysis of the brain since Thanksgiving day. The funeral services were conducted from his home Saturday afternoon by Rev. A. O. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church here, and interment was made in the family cemetery on their farm.

NEEDY MADE HAPPY.

Dunn Citizens Remember the Poor on Christmas.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 27.—Though Christmas was one of the most disagreeable days of the present year, due to incessant rainfall for the preceding 48 hours, it was a cheery day for a large number of Dunn's poor citizens who, had they lived in a less benevolent environment, would have tasted few of the joys of the merry season. Early in the week representatives of several fraternal orders, and a few other citizens working independently, began a search for those who would need help to tide them over the holidays. Some surprising discoveries were made, and through these discoveries a fine sentiment was kindled among the town's well-to-do, whose eyes had never been opened to the wretchedness of a small town's impoverished. It was found that the depressed condition of every line of business had served the laboring classes very badly, and in some homes even the bare necessities of life were lacking. Relief was given to all, however, and plans are now under way to provide further aid to the needy, until conditions resume the normal.

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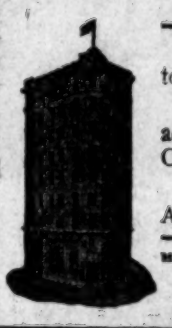

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